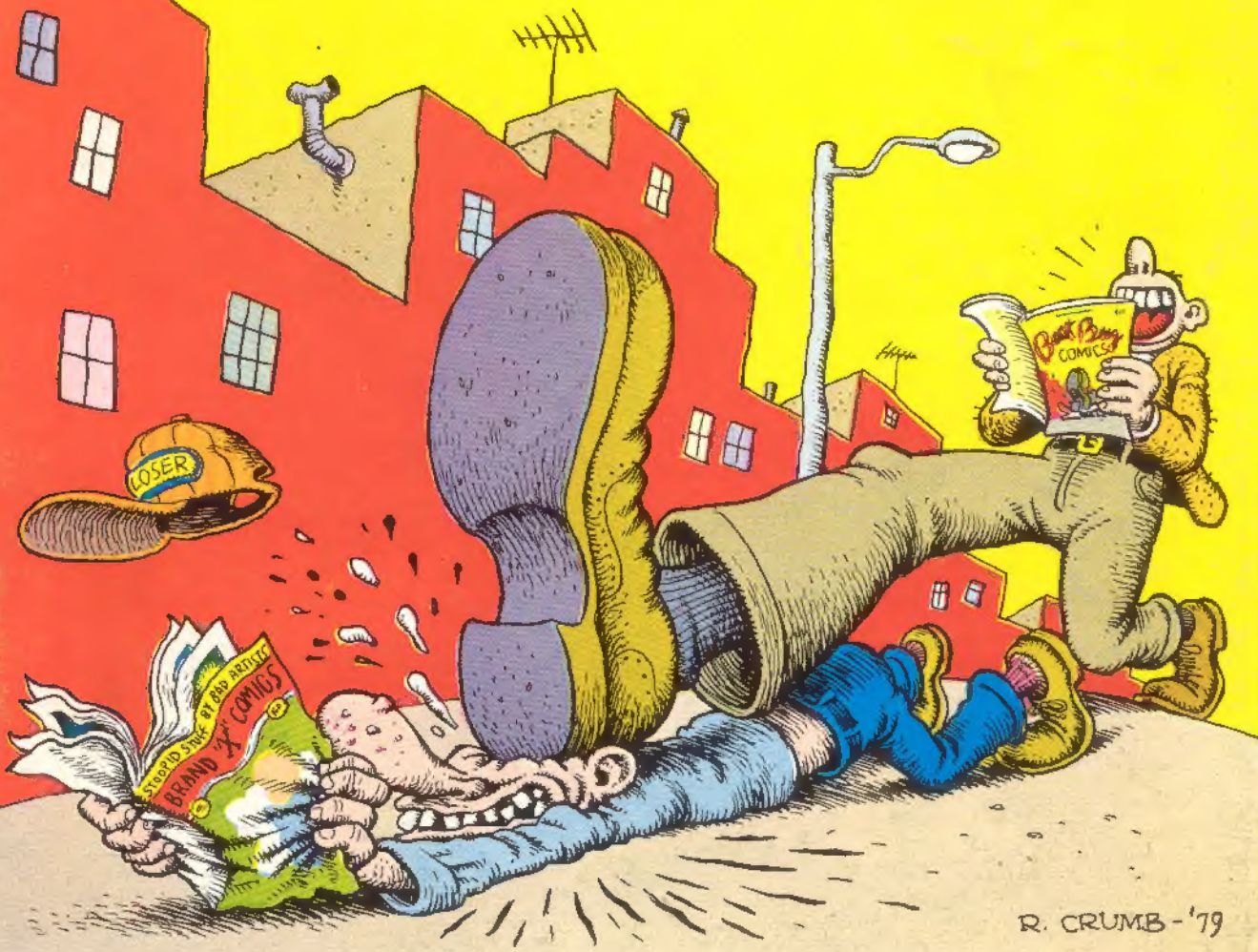




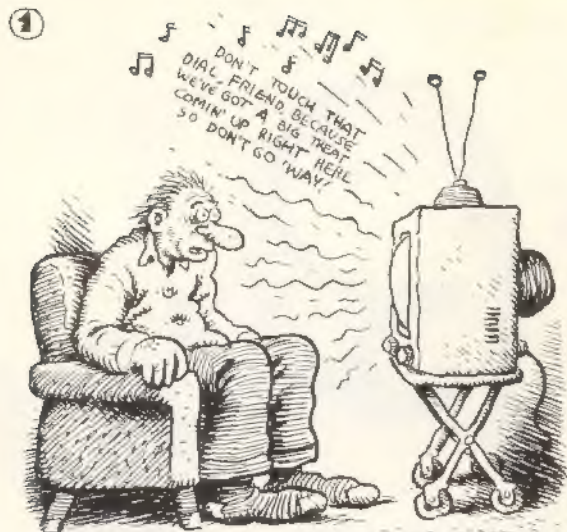
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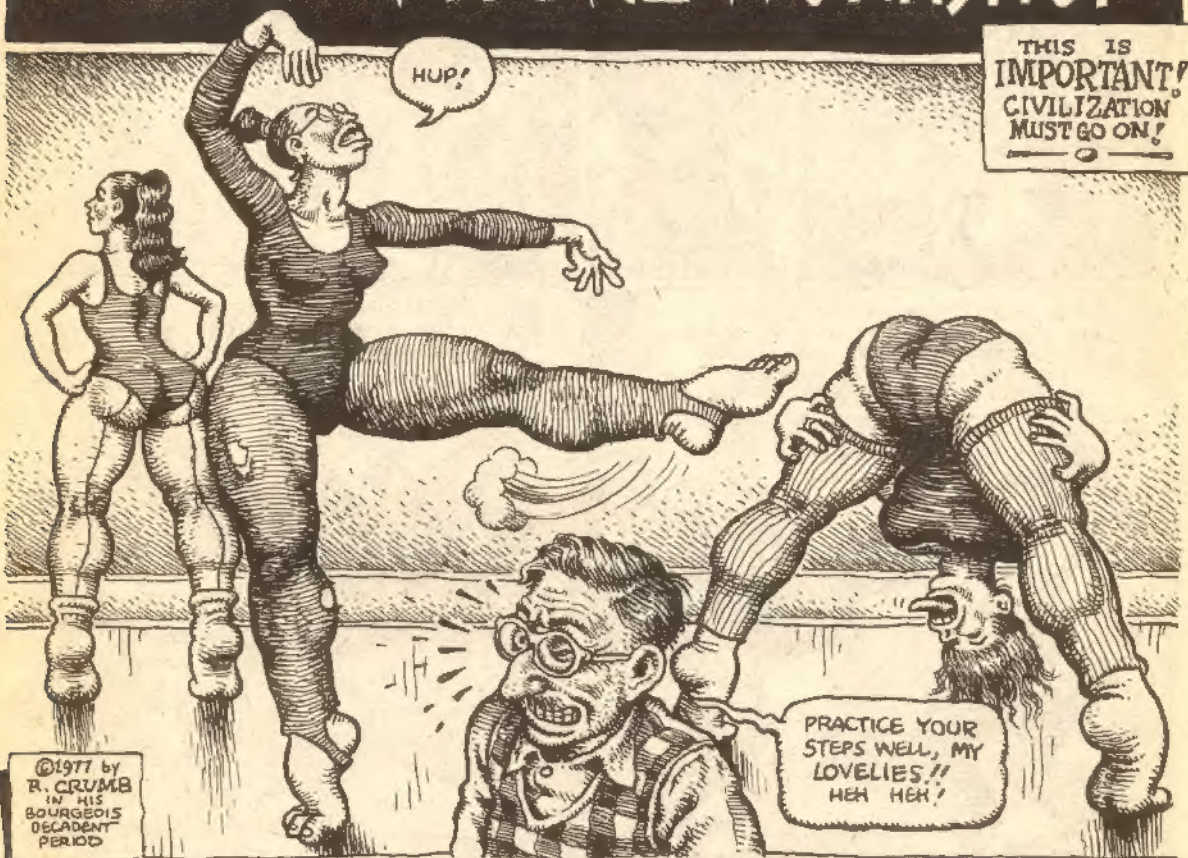
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R. CRUMB'S MODERN DANCE WORKSHOP



YEAH YEAH, I'M HIP...
OKAY, GANG, LET'S GET TO
WORK... AS YOU ALL KNOW
TODAY WE'RE DOING A PER-
FORMANCE FOR THE "CO-
EVOLUTION QUARTERLY" ON
THE THEME OF "VOLUNTARY
SIMPLICITY"...



I TRUST YOU'VE ALL DONE
YOUR HOME WORK AND STUDIED
THE REPORT ON "VOLUNTARY SIMPLICITY"
THAT I HANDED OUT... IS THERE ANY
ONE WHO HAD DIFFICULTY IN "GETTING
THE FEEL" FOR THE CONCEPT??

TSK!
IT'S NOT
THAT
DIFFICULT!!

OF
COURSE
NOT!!

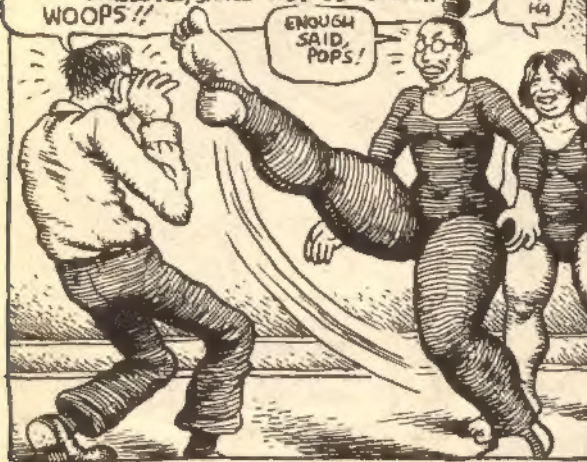
HM!



GOOD, GOOD...OKAY, WELL, LET'S SEE
SOME IMPROVIZATIONS ON THE BASIC THEME...
HOW ABOUT YOU, SHOSHANA? COME ON, WORK
OUT! GET CREATIVE! LET'S EXPRESS
OURSELVES, SHALL WE? GET LOOSE!!

HA
HA

ENOUGH
SAID,
POPS!



UHH...URBAN LIFE...THE MODERN WORLD...
MASS MEDIA...FREEWAYS...MOTORS...MACHINES...
STRIDENT...UNNATURAL...UNMERCIFUL...



IT'S TOO MUCH...THE NERVOUS SYSTEM
CANT HANDLE IT... YOU'RE BEING PULLED
APART BY SOCIAL FORCES AND TECHNO-
COMMERCIAL OVER-KILL!!



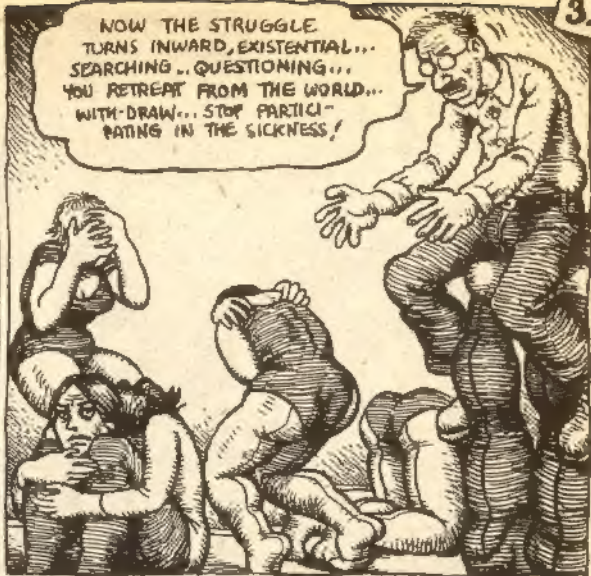
THIS RAT-RACE IS GRINDING YOU
DOWN! YOU CANT COMPETE IN THIS
DOG-EAT-DOG WORLD!!



BEAUTIFUL!! NOW ALL IS
DESPAIR... YOU'RE SUFFOCATING
IN THE BRUTALITY OF THE
GIANT CROWDED
MEGALOPOLIS!!



NOW THE STRUGGLE
TURNS INWARD, EXISTENTIAL...
SEARCHING... QUESTIONING...
YOU RETREAT FROM THE WORLD...
WITH-DRAW... STOP PARTICI-
PATING IN THE SICKNESS!



YOU DISCOVER OTHERS
WHO ARE INVOLVED IN THE
SAME STRUGGLE... YOU
ARE NO LONGER ALONE!
THIS IS A TIME OF
DISCOVERY!!



THE LIGHT BEGINS TO SHINE
THROUGH... THE MEANING OF YOUR
PERSONAL PAIN BEGINS TO TAKE
SHAPE... TOGETHER YOU CAN
BREAK THROUGH THE
DARKNESS!!



NOW THERE IS A COLLECTIVE
ANGER! THE INJUSTICE OF THE
SYSTEM BECOMES CLEARER DAY
BY DAY... A FIGHTING, MILITANT
SPIRIT GRIPS THE NEW
COMMUNITY!!



C'MON!! GET TOUGH! GET
FIGHTIN' MAD, GIRLS! LESSEE
THOSE BARED FANGS!

LESSEE
THAT
RAGE!

NO, WAIT A
MINUTE!
WAIT!
WAIT!

YAARNGH!
GRR!





R. CRUMB ON ASSIGNMENT FOR THE COEVOLUTION QUARTERLY GOES TO THE...

SPACE DAY SYMPOSIUM

(OR WHAT EVER THE HELL IT WAS CALLED...)

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BEFORE

KEY SOUNDS
LIKE FUN
STEWART!!

I'D
LOVE
TO
GO!!

DURING

HO
HUM

"... EXPLORING THIS LIMITLESS
FRONTIER MEANS BENEFITS FOR
PEOPLE IN MANY WAYS, INCLUD-
ING THE CREATION OF EMPLOY-
MENT OPPORTUNITIES, ESTABLISH-
MENT OF NEW BUSINESSES,
BENEFITS FROM APPLICATIONS
OF SPACE TECHNOLOGY, AND
VISIONS OF A PLANETARY
REALISM ETC. ETC..."

MAN, WHAT
A BORE!!

AFTER

WHAT A SMUG
BUNCH OF
HYPOCRITS!!

NOW
WHEN I
THINK
ABOUT
IT, I
JUST
GET
MAD!

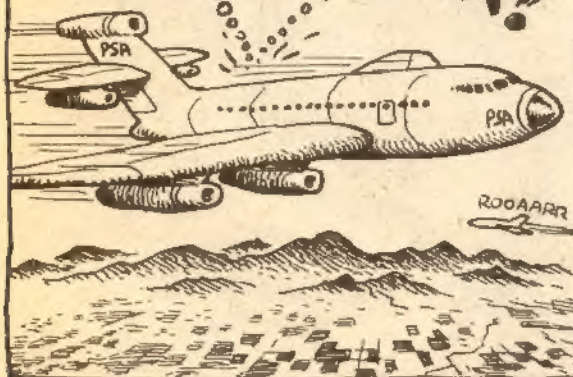
THE SPACE DAY SYMPOSIUM WAS HELD ON AUGUST 11TH, 1977 AT THE CALIFORNIA MUSEUM OF SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY IN LOS ANGELES. IT WAS NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. FILMS WERE SHOWN, SPEECHES WERE MADE AND LECTURES GIVEN BY POLITICIANS, SCIENTISTS, ASTRONAUTS, PROMOTERS AND BIG SHOTS FROM THE AERO-SPACE INDUSTRY. THE CLIMAX OF THE EVENT TOOK PLACE THE NEXT MORNING OUT IN THE MOJAVE DESERT, WHERE THE NEW "SPACE SHUTTLE" MADE ITS FIRST FREE FLIGHT LANDING. THIS EVENT WAS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND WAS ATTENDED BY A LARGE CROWD MADE UP MOSTLY OF WORKERS IN THE AERO-SPACE INDUSTRY....

1 FLY DOWN TO L.A. ON A BIG-JET AIRLINER
THE DAY BEFORE, COMPLIMENTS OF THE "CO-EV"...

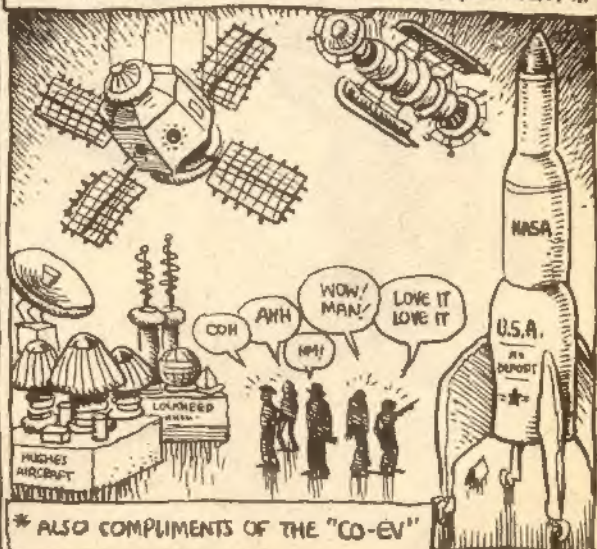
THIS JET TRAVEL IS
CERTAINLY EXCITING BUT
SOMEHOW I THINK IT IS
SINFUL...

SHOULDA
TOOK THE
TRAIN...

RRROOARRRR!

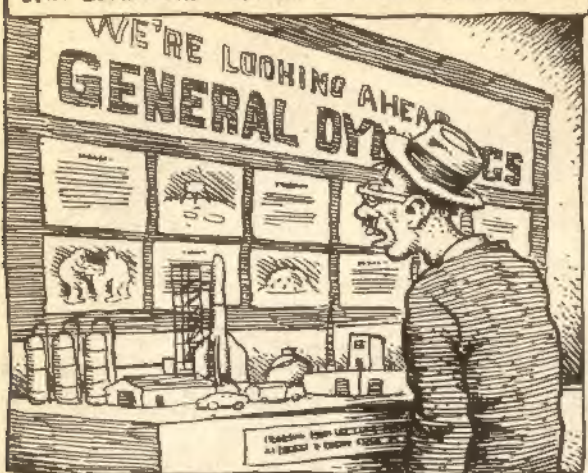


1 ADMIT I'M PREJUDICED... AFTER CHECKING
INTO THE "HILTON"*, ME AND SOME OTHER "HIP"
MEDIA TYPES FROM SAN FRANCISCO WALK OVER
TO THE MUSEUM TO LOOK AT THE "EQUIPMENT"...

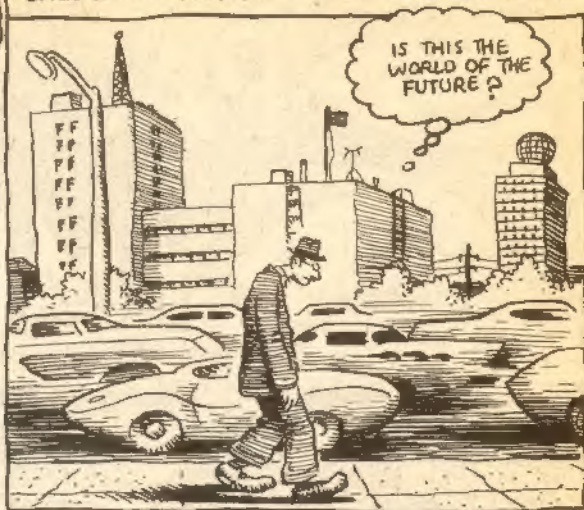


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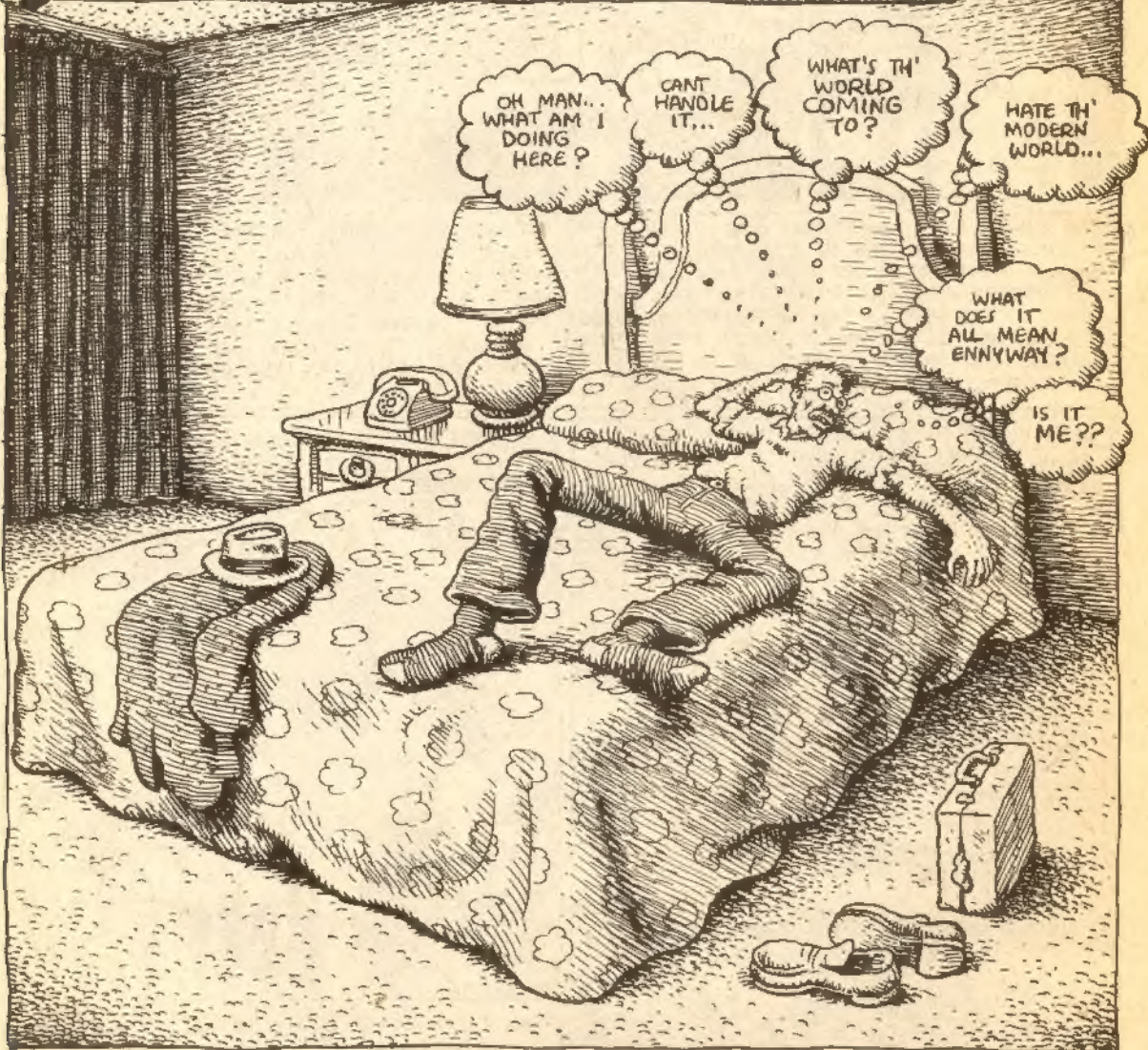
BRIGHT AWAY I NOTICED EVERYTHING HAD A BRAND NAME ON IT... THE "MUSEUM" WAS A SHOW-ROOM FOR AERO-SPACE CORPORATIONS, EACH WITH ITS OWN ELABORATE DISPLAYS AND SALES PITCH...



THE SPACE GADGETRY LEFT ME COLD... I WALKED BACK TO THE HILTON ALONE & LOST IN L.A....



STAYED IN MY ROOM AT THE HOTEL THE REST OF THE DAY AND NIGHT...



NEXT MORNING AT THE SYMPOSIUM THE SPEECHES STARTED BRIGHT AND EARLY... FIRST CAME THE GOVERNOR OF CALIFORNIA TO START THINGS OFF...

...BUT WITHIN THIS "ERA OF LIMITS" WHICH I HAVE SO OFTEN EMPHASIZED, THERE IS AN INFINITE "ERA OF POSSIBILITIES" IN THE EVERLASTING FRONTIER OF THE UNIVERSE ITSELF... NOT TO MENTION THE PRACTICAL ECONOMIC BENEFITS...



THEN CAME SOME BIG WHEEL FROM NASA (NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION)

...THIS GREAT HUMAN ADVENTURE INTO SPACE IS A SUBJECT OF TREMENDOUS APPLICABILITY... COINCIDES WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPORTANCES AND THE "WHOLE EARTH" PROBLEM... WHAT WORRIES ME IS ALL THIS TALK I HEAR ABOUT THE "QUEST FOR IMMEDIATE RELEVANCE"...

...GOOD INVESTMENT... CULTURAL IMPERATIVE... SMALL PERCENT OF THE NATIONAL BUDGET...



NEXT CAME A PROMINENT SPACE SCIENTIST AND AUTHOR...

...BUILT INTO THE HUMAN SPIRIT IS THIS ZZEEST FOR FINDING OUT... IT IS THIS ZZEEST WHICH HAS BROUGHT US TO OUR TOTAL DOMINANCE OVER THE PLANET... LIMITLESS OPPORTUNITIES FOR VIGOROUS INTELLECTUAL DISSATISFIED PEOPLE... SAFETY VALVE FOR GLOBAL PROBLEMS... SOCIAL SIGNIFICANCE... ATTAINING OF PERSPECTIVE...



THEN CAME THE CORPORATION DIRECTORS AND PRESIDENTS, AND THE DAY REALLY GOT TEDIOUS...

THE SPACE SHUTTLE WILL USHER IN A NEW ERA IN SPACE FLIGHT... BRAND NEW CAPABILITIES... ECONOMIC BENEFITS... PROFITS... LESS THAN ONE PERCENT OF THE NATIONAL BUDGET... PROFITS... PROFITS... PROFITS... PROFITS...

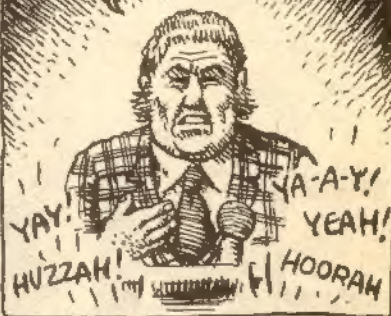


TECHNOLOGY IS NEUTRAL... IT'S HOW IT IS USED BY HUMANS THAT'S GOOD OR BAD...

...THE SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEMS OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY IS NOT CONSERVATION BUT NEW TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCES...



...THE DANGERS OF THE MISUSE OF ROCKETS AND SATELLITES IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE GOVERNMENT, NOT THE AERO-SPACE INDUSTRY... OUR JOB IS TO DELIVER THE GOODS FOR WHOEVER BUYS OUR PRODUCTS... OUR RESPONSIBILITY IS TO OUR STOCKHOLDERS...



WE WANT TO BE THE LEADERS IN THE NEW ERA OF DECENTRALIZATION... OUR COMSATS* WILL PROVIDE INSTANT COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION TO THE LOCAL COMMUNITIES AND NEIGHBORHOODS... HELP THE PEOPLE IN THE GHETTOS... IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR EVERYONE... PROVIDE JOBS...



ONE OF THE ASTRONAUTS TALKED ABOUT HIS EXPERIENCE "OUT THERE"...

...LOOKING BACK AT THE EARTH FROM SPACE, I HAD A LOT OF REALIZATIONS... IT GAVE ME A NEW CONSCIOUSNESS OF THE INSIGNIFICANCE OF OUR NATIONAL DIFFERENCES... EARTH IS INDEED A "SPACE-SHIP" WITH LIMITED RESOURCES...



"RUSTY" WAS A HELL OF A SINCERE GUY, A REALY NICE GUY, BUT I'D HAD IT... THE HOURS OF TALK HAD WILLED ME INTO A STUPOR...



* COMMUNICATIONS SATELLITES...

FINALLY IT WAS OVER... I STAGGERED OUT THE DOOR, MY MIND REELING FROM THE EIGHT HOURS OF LIES, DOUBLE-TALK, PERSUASION AND DOWNRIGHT MADNESS I HAD JUST SAT THROUGH...



OH MAN!

I SLUMPED DOWN ON THE STEPS OF THE MUSEUM, DEPRESSED BEYOND WORDS... WHAT WAS THE PURPOSE OF ALL THIS TALK ABOUT OUR "DESTINY"...THE "THRUST INTO SPACE"?



...**D**ECIDED NOT TO STICK AROUND FOR THE BIG SPACE SHUTTLE LANDING...I WAS FED UP WITH THE WHOLE SHMEER...
...**F**LEW BACK TO SAN FRANCISCO THAT VERY NIGHT, UTTERLY DIZ-GUSTED BY THE FARCE I HAD WITNESSED,...



PHOOEY!

OLD STICK-IN-THE-MUD CRUMB

BUT WHAT'S WRONG WITH SPACE EXPLORATION, YOU MAY ASK? ISN'T IT TRUE THAT IT'S AN EXCITING NEW FRONTIER, AND THAT IT WILL RAISE THE CONSCIOUSNESS OF HUMANITY??



AS FOR FRONTIERS, WE'VE STILL GOT PLENTY OF FRONTIERS LEFT RIGHT HERE IN THE U.S.A.!! HOW 'BOUT NEW YORK? CHICAGO? CLEVELAND? L.A., FOR CHRISSAKE! THESE ARE VAST AREAS IN NEED OF "VIGOROUS INTELLECTUAL" EXPLORATION!!



...**B**UT IT'S JUST MORE OF THE SAME OLD HYPE...TO KEEP THE "ECONOMY" GOING...NOT UNLIKE THE "ATOMS FOR PEACE" SHUCK AND EQUALLY AS DANGEROUS! YES, THE SPACE HYPE IS...
DANGEROUS!

...**L**ET'S FACE IT, THE MILITARY WILL USE SPACE TECHNOLOGY TO CREATE A WHOLE NEW ARRAY OF WAR TOYS IN SPACE AT LEAST AS HORRIFYING AS ANYTHING THEY'VE ALREADY GOT, IF NOT MORE SO...**B**UT WHY AM I RAVING AGAINST IT? WHY BOTHER? THE ONLY THING THAT WILL STOP THEM IS A DRASTIC BREAKDOWN IN OUR INDUSTRIAL SYSTEM...**N**O MORAL OR INTELLECTUAL ARGUMENT HAS EVER STOPPED THEM IN THE PAST.....

THE SADDEST PART THOUGH...THE SADDEST PART...IS THAT ALOT OF OTHERWISE INTELLIGENT PEOPLE ARE FALLING FOR THE SPACE HYPE...**H**OOK, LINE AND SINKER!!



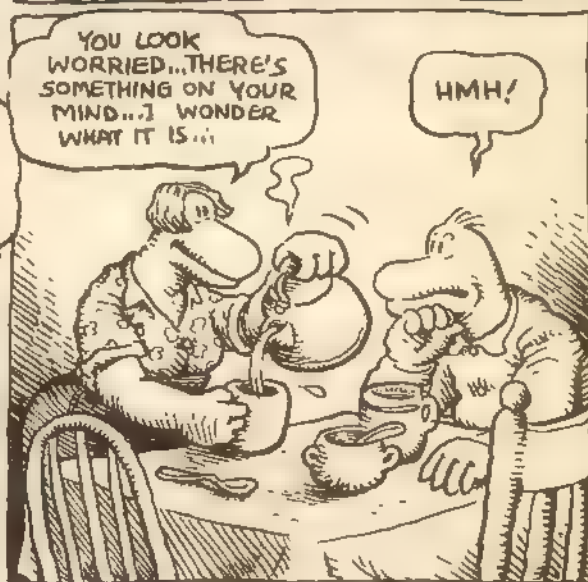
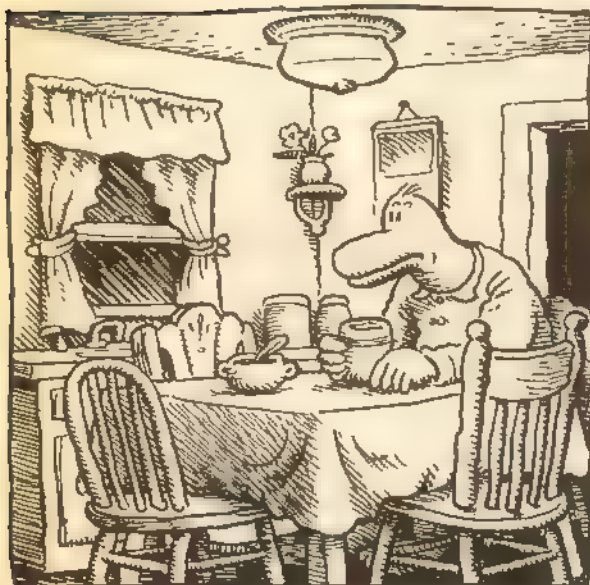
...**B**UT AS FOR ME, I WASH MY HANDS OF IT!!

END

The Goose and the Gander Were Talking One Night

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YOU'RE RIGHT...
I AM WORRIED...

WHAT IS IT?
THE TAXES?
YOUR JOB?

WELL, I'M ALWAYS
WORRIED ABOUT ALL
THAT CRAP... MONEY
AN' ALL... BUT
LATELY.....

I...I CAN'T
SHAKE THIS
TERRIBLE FEELING
THAT WE'RE
DOOMED...

YOU READ TOO MANY
ARTICLES, THAT'S YOUR
TROUBLE!

LET'S GO FOR
A WALK...

OKAY...

MAYBE YOU'RE
RIGHT...I SHOULD
JUST STOP READING
ALL THESE NEWS-
PAPERS AND
MAGAZINES...

BUT, YOU KNOW,
SOMETHING'S NOT
RIGHT...IT JUST DOESN'T
FEEL RIGHT... YOU
CAN SMELL IT
IN THE AIR!

SNIFF...
SNIFF...

IT DOES SMELL
FUNNY AT THAT!
POLLUTION, I
GUESS!

...BUT WHY DO YOU
THINK WE'RE DOOMED?

... AND YOU KNOW
SOMETHING ELSE? I'M NOT
THE ONLY ONE!! YOU'D BE
SURPRISED HOW MANY
PEOPLE YOU MEET WHO
WILL JUST CASUALLY, OFF-
THE-CUFF STATE HOW THEY
THINK IT'S ALL GOING TO
END SOON BECAUSE OF
ONE THING OR ANOTHER!
IT'S A COMMONLY
HELD BELIEF!!

...BUT WHY DO YOU
THINK WE'RE DOOMED?

...AND I DON'T
THINK I'M A CRAZY
PERSON... I'M A PRETTY
AVERAGE GUY... JUST
YOUR NORMAL, EVERY-DAY
GOOSE... I GIVE A JOKE
AND TAKE A JOKE...
NOTHING SPECIAL...



IT SEEMS TO BE
BUILDING UP TO SOME
GIANT CATASTROPHE...
YOU TAKE THESE GUYS
THAT ARE GOING AHEAD
WITH ALL THESE NUCLEAR
POWER PLANTS—AND
THAT'S JUST ONE THING!
THERE ARE THOUSANDS
OF THINGS LIKE THAT
GOIN' ON!

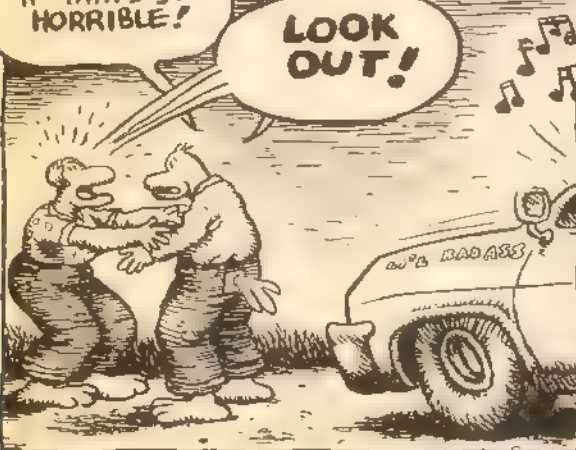
JEEZIZ...



IT'S THAT
FEELING OF
HELPLESSNESS
IN THE FACE OF
IT THAT'S SO
HORRIBLE!

IF I COULD
THINK OF SOME
WAY TO —

**LOOK
OUT!**

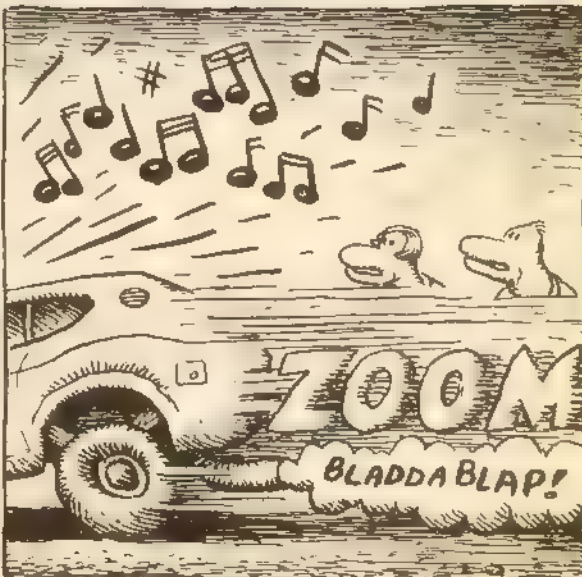


...BUT WHY —

WHY DO I THINK
WE'RE DOOMED?
OH, I DUNNO... IT'S
EVERYTHING, I GUESS...
JUST THE WAY THE
HUMAN RACE KEEPS
GOING HEAD-ON WITH
POPULATION AND
TECHNOLOGY AND
ALL THAT...



....IT MAKES ME
FEEL SO HELPLESS!!
I CAN'T SEE ANY WAY TO
STOP THE PROCESS!
WHAT CAN I DO? I'M
JUST A GOOSE!



CHEAP
PUNKS!

PISSES
ME
OFF!

LET'S GO
HOME AN'
WATCH THE
LATE SHOW...

IN A WAY, YOU CAN
EVEN SEE IT AS A
GOOD THING, THE
DOWNFALL OF OUR
CIVILIZATION... SOME-
TIMES I THINK PEOPLE
EVEN LOOK FORWARD
TO IT, SECRETLY, IN
THEIR HEARTS...

REALLY?
HOW
COME?

PEOPLE FEEL TRAPPED...
THEY SEE NO WAY OUT...
THERE'S A SECRET URGE...
A WISH, FOR THE
WHOLE BUSINESS
TO SELF-DESTRUCT!

... TO SEE OUR
GREAT CITIES
IN RUINS... OUR
ELABORATE
MACHINES BROUGHT
TO A STANDSTILL...

...A RETURN TO THE
SIMPLE, RAW STRUGGLE
FOR SURVIVAL!

HM

YOU COULD ALMOST
WELCOME IT! EMBRACE
IT! ...THE COLLAPSE
OF THIS MAN-MADE
SYSTEM OF THINGS!

WELL,
PERSONALLY,
I HOPE YOU'RE
ALL WRONG... I
HOPE SUCH A
THING NEVER
HAPPENS...

I HOPE I'M
WRONG, TOO,
REALLY!

I WISH I
KNEW WHAT
TO DO ABOUT
IT...

...AND NOW, FOLKS, INTRODUCING, FOR THE FIRST TIME IN ANY MAGAZINE, A WHOLE NEW SET OF CHARACTERS FROM THE CREATOR OF SO MANY OF YOUR FAVORITE CARTOON CHARACTERS, THOSE LOVABLE...THOSE CUTE 'N' CUDDLY...THOSE SIMPLY ADORABLE LI'L GUYS...

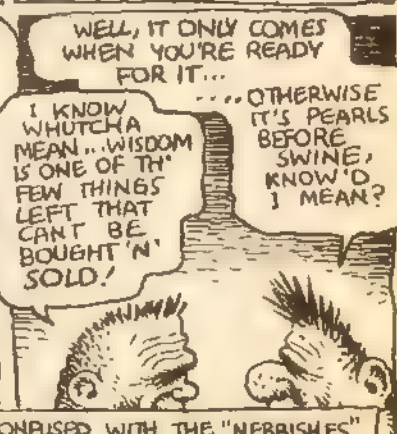
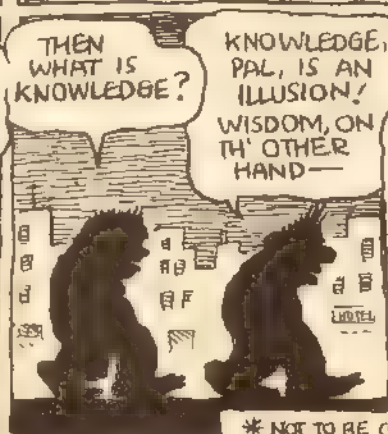
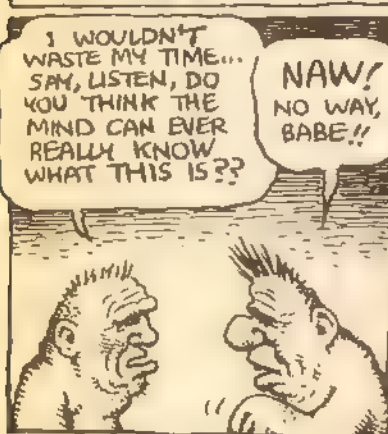
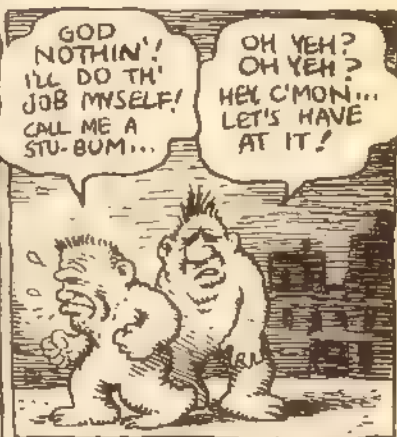
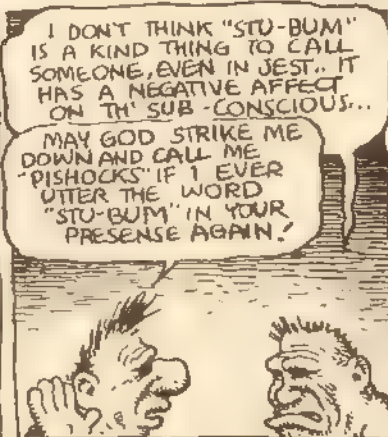
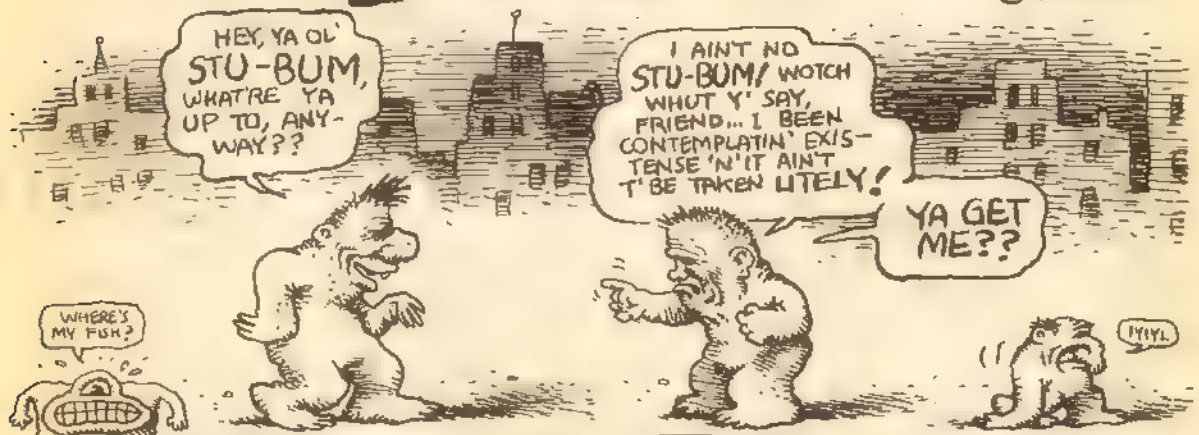
THE STU-BUMS

THEY'RE BOUND TO BE A HIT!

NO FUSS!
NO MUSS!

T.M.

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* NOT TO BE CONFUSED WITH THE "NEBBISHES"

BUT IF KNOWLEDGE IS A FALSE ILLUSION, WHAT GOOD IS ALL THIS GRAY MATTER INSIDE OUR HEADS??

GOOD FOR GETTIN' US ALL IN A PECK O' TROUBLE, SEEMS TO ME!!

YUP, SURE DOES SEEM LIKE THAT, DOESN'T IT?

YUP, IT SURE DOES..

I GUESS IT COMES IN HANDY FOR PRACTICAL PURPOSES OF SURVIVAL ONCE IN A WHILE...

YEAH, MAYBE... I'D VENTURE TO SAY KNOWLEDGE CAN BE USEFUL IF YA CAN TAKE IT WITH A GRAIN O' SALT!

YEH, THAT'S RIGHT...YOU GOTTA BE PRACTICAL ABOUT IT!

YOU CAN'T LET TH MIND GET TOO COCKY...IT LIKES T' THINK IT KNOWS EVERYTHING!

WHERE-AS IN REALITY IT KNOWS NOTHING ABOUT THE TRUE NATURE OF THINGS!

PRECISELY... JUST ASK ANY O' THESE HARRY KRISHNAS YOU SEE DOWN HERE! THEY'LL TELL YA ALL ABOUT IT!!

THEY ALL SEEM LOONEY T' ME, BUT I CAN'T TELL...

ALL I KNOW IS EXPERIENCING TH' SPIRIT TAKES ALOTTA SELF-DISCIPLINE!

YOU HAVE TO KEEP YER LIFE VERY SIMPLE AND—

BUT WAIT A MINUTE... LOOKA HERE

IF THE MIND CAN'T KNOW IT, THEN HOW DO YOU EVEN KNOW TH' SPIRIT EXISTS??
HM... GOOD QUESTION..

I THINK WE JUST SOMEHOW KNOW THAT IT EXISTS...WE CAN SENSE THAT THERE'S SOMETHIN' BEHIND THIS MATERIAL WORLD THAT IS NOT OF THE MATERIAL WORLD...

MEBBE SO...

THERE SEEMS TO BE AN URGE TO-WARD IT IN ALL OF US...ONLY MOST PEOPLE ARE SO CAUGHT UP IN THE WORLD THEY ARE BLIND TO IT MOST OF THE TIME...

THAT'S ME..

ME TOO... I ONLY GET RARE GLIMPSES OF IT... A FLASH NOW'N THEN..

YEAH...IT'S A VERY PERSONAL THING... GODDAMMIT!

...AND TO REALLY MERGE WITH IT, YOU GOTTA SHOVE SO MUCH OF THIS OTHER CRAP OUTTA YOUR LIFE...YOU HAVE TO WANT IT BAD!

OH MAN... THAT'S HEAVY!

YES SIR, YOU GOTTA BE ALL THROUGH WITH MONEY, WOMEN, BOOZE, DOPE, PARTYING, FANCY CARS, EXPENSIVE JOOLERY... ALLA THAT, IF YOU WANNA BECOME ONE WITH TH' SPIRIT...

OH MAN!

FERGIT IT!
I AIN'T READY!

THAT MAKES TWO OF US!

LISTEN, I GOTTA GO PICK UP MY UNEMPLOYMENT CHECK.. Y' WANNA COME ALONG? I GOT MY CAR RIGHT OVER HERE...

YEH SURE... I'M FREE FOR TH' AFTERNOON.

TH PROBLEM IS, WE'RE BORN INTO TH' WORLD OF MATTER AN' ALL WE KNOW IS MATTER...

QUITE SO.. IT'S ALL JUST A BUNCH O' CHEMICALS!! ELEMENTS... ATOMS...

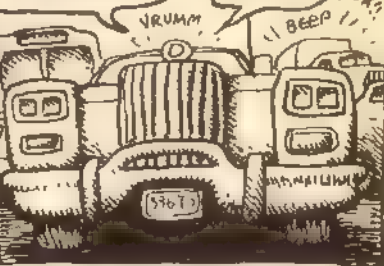
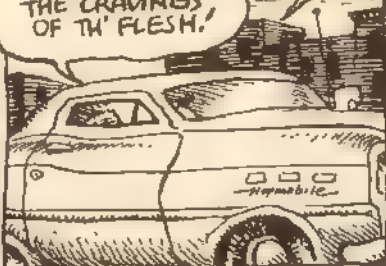
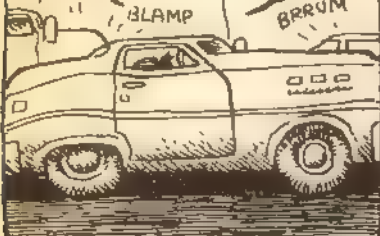
IT'S TOUGH... WE GET CAUGHT UP IN TH' RAT RACE... TH' DUALITIES... ALWAYS LOOKIN' TO SATISFY THE CRAVINGS OF TH' FLESH!

AY-MEN, BROTHER!
AY-MEN!

MAN, THIS'S AN AWFULLY BIG CAR! I KIN HARDLY SEE OVER TH' HOOD!

...I GOT IT CHEAP... GOT ALOTTA MILES ON IT...

WEEZE
BLAMP
BRRUM



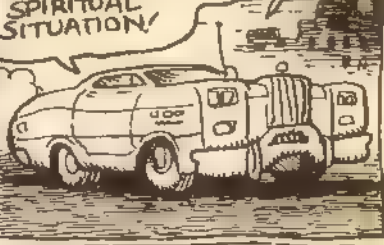
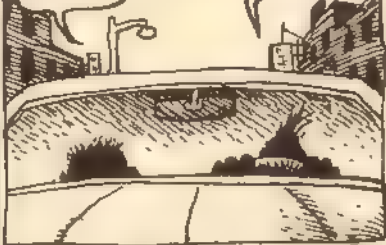
MUST BE A REAL GAS-HOG THOUGH, EH?

...AND THEN THERE'S THE LITTLE PROBLEM OF JUST TRYIN' TO SURVIVE... JUST KEEPIN' YER HEAD ABOVE WATER!

DON'T I KNOW IT! I'LL BET THIS HEAP BURNS OIL TOO DOESN'T IT?

HEY, Y' WANNA GET OUT 'N' WALK? THAT'S ENOUGH ABOUT TH' CAR, OKAY?

...AN' HOW ABOUT THE SET-UP? EVERYBODY TAKIN' ADVANTAGE OF EVERYBODY ELSE!
IT'S DOG-EAT-DOG... YOU GOTTA GET YOURS... NOT A VERY SPIRITUAL SITUATION!



YEAH, IT'S A STINKIN' SYSTEM ALRIGHT...

ME, I FEEL FULFILLED IF I GET TH' CHANCE T' SIT IN FRONT O' TH' T.V. WITH A BEER 'N' WATCH A BALL GAME, KNOW'D I MEAN?

YEH, THAT THING OF SEEKIN' TH' SPIRIT GETS T' SOUNDIN' TOO MUCH LIKE RELIGION, Y' KNOW?

I HATE RELIGION... MY PEOPLE WAS CATH'LIC... I HATE TH' FUGGIN' CHURCH!

SO DO I... THEY ALL SAY TH' SAME DAMN THING... THEIR WAY IS TH' ONLY RIGHT WAY... THEY ALL SAY THAT! AN' I OUGHTA KNOW... I'VE LOOKED AT 'EM ALL!

ZAT RIGHT?



THOSE CHURCHES
ARE ALL SO GODDAMN
SICK AN' DISGUSTING...
I DON'T CARE WHAT
Y' SAY... EVERY
SINGLE ONE O' 'EM
SUCKS!

WULL
I'LL BE
DARN!

GOT MY
CHECK...
LET'S GO...

OKE

NO
SMOKING

HOW LONG
YOU BEEN OUTA
WORK, JAKE?

I'M ALWAYS
ON UNEMPLOY-
MENT THIS TIME
O' TH' YEAR...
I DON'T MIND IT...
MY NEEDS ARE
FEW...

GIANT
LIQUOR

IT'S THESE GUYS
WITH FAMILIES I
FEEL SORRY FOR...
HEY, LESS GO GRAB
A CUPPA COFFEE
AN' A PIECE O' PIE
OR SOMETHIN' AT
"JIM'S DONUTS"...
HOW 'BOUT
IT?

SOUNDS
GOOD...

Y'KNOW JAKE,
I'M A BIG BE-
LIEVER IN
SELF-RELIANCE...
I THINK A GUY, IF
HE WANTS TO, CAN
BECOME ONE WITH
GOD IN HIS OWN
WAY, Y'KNOW?

I DUNNO...
BOY, THESE
APPLE FRITTERS
THEY MAKE
HERE ARE
SOME GOOD
EATIN'!

I MEAN, I THINK
Y'CAN LEARN SOMETHIN'
FROM ALL THESE
DIFFERENT RELIGIONS
AN' TH' VARIOUS DE-
NOMINATIONS, BUT
WHERE I BALK IS
WHEN THEY TRY 'N'
TELL YOU THEY GOT
TH' CORNER ON
TRUTH!

YEAH,
THAT'S
ALOTTA
BULL CRAP...
THEY WANT
YOU COM-
PLETELY
IN THEIR
POWER...

MUNCH

SLURP

THEY'RE NOT
GONNA WIN CONVERTS
BY TELLIN' PEOPLE
TO GO OFF AN' DO
THEIR OWN
THING!

WELL,
THEY AINT
GONNA CON-
VERT ME NO
MATTER WHAT
THEY TRY T'
PULL!!

PEOPLE NEED
ORGANIZATIONS,
THOUGH... THEY
NEED T' HAVE
SOME BIG IN-
STITUTION TELLIN'
'EM WHAT T' DO...
THEY'RE IGNERINT!
THEY'RE HELPLESS!

YEAH,
THEY'RE
ALL A
BUNCH O'
SHEEP!
THAT'S FER
SHER!!

HI
JAKE!
HI
PHIL!

HEY, ED, MUH
BOY! HAVE A SEAT
OVER HERE WITH
ME AN' TH' KID...
HI ED.

SLURP

...BUT, Y'KNOW,
YA CAN'T BE TOO
HARD ON PEOPLE...
IT'S REALLY IMPOSSIBLE
TO BE SELF-RELIANT
IN MODERN AMERICA...
YA CAN'T EXPECT PEOPLE
TA BE ON THEIR OWN
PATH NOW'DAYS...

NOPE
YEP

THEY'RE ALL
SO DEPENDENT
FOR SURVIVAL ON
BIG, ORGANIZED
INSTITUTIONS...
BIG INDUSTRIES,
BIG GOVERNMENT,
ALLA THAT...

THAT'S
RIGHT...
TH' AVERAGE
PERSON COULD-
N'T SURVIVE
ON HIS OWN
IN TH' WILDER-
NESS...

YEP

YEAH, SO
HOW CAN YA
EXPECT 'EM TO
GO LOOKIN' FOR
THEIR SOUL ON
THEIR OWN...
THEY GOTTA
JOIN ONE O'
THESE GROUPS!

HEY, Y'KNOW,
I ALMOST SIGNED
UP FER ONE O'
THEM "EST" TRAIN-
ING SEMINARS,
BUT I CHICKENED
OUT! HA HA!

ZAT
RIGHT?

YEAH, WELL...
LIFE'S COMPLI-
CATED THESE
DAYS, KNOW'D
I MEAN?

YEAH, WE
COULD ALL
USE A LITTLE
PROFESSIONAL
HELP, GOD
KNOWS...

I KNOW A COUPLE'O'
PEOPLE THAT TOOK TH'
"TRAINING" AND IT'S
IMPROVED THEIR
PERSONALITIES
TREMENDOUSLY...
JUST TREMEN-
DOUSLY!!

WULL
I'LL BE
PARN!

IZZAT
RIGHT!

WHATAYA
S'POSED T'DO
IF Y' WANNA
GET AHEAD IN
THIS WORL'?
Y' GOTTA HAVE
THAT SELF-
CONFIDENCE!

YEAH, IT
PROBBLY DOES
HELP YA
FUNCTION
MORE EFFIC-
IENTLY IN
THIS LOUSY
SYSTEM...

I WONDER
IF THAT'S
BETTER OR
WORSE...

BETTER OR
WORSE
TH'N WHAT?

THAN, UH...
THAN NOT BEIN'
ABLE TO ADJUST
TO THINGS AS
THEY ARE...

IT ALL
DEPENDS...
IT'S A PER-
SONAL THING,
JAKE... EACH
INDIVIDULE
IS DIFF'ENT!

ON TH' ONE HAND, IF
YOU ACCEPT TH' IDEA THAT
TH' MIND CANT KNOW WHAT
REALITY IS, THEN YER POINT
OF VIEW OF TH' SOCIAL SYSTEM
AINT WORTH A HOOT, SO
Y' MIGHT BE BETTER OFF
T' BE ADJUSTED TO IT...

YAH
YAH?

BUT THEN AGAIN,
IF YOU HAVE THIS
DEEP MORAL FEELING
THAT TH' SYSTEM IS
WRONG, YOU PROBBLY
WOULD RATHER NOT
WANT TO FIT IN,
EVEN IF IT MEANS
BEIN' POOR AN'
GETTIN' FUCKED
AROUND...

YEAH,
I
DUNNO...

LIFE'S SO
DOGGONE
COMPLEX!

AIN'T IT
THOUGH?!
ALOTTA TIMES
I THINK ABOUT
GOIN' OFF AN'
LIVIN' IN TH'
WOODS... I'M A
GREAT BELIEVER
IN SELF-RELIANCE,
Y' KNOW...

THAT THERE'S
A PIPE
DREAM,
PHIL... YOU'LL
NEVER DO
IT 'N' YOU
KNOW
IT!

SIGH... YOU'RE
RIGHT... I'LL SPEND
MY LIFE LIKE MOST
PEOPLE, CAUGHT IN
THE MIDDLE... I'LL
NEVER MAKE IT BIG,
BUT I'LL NEVER
HAVE TH' PISS
TO GIT OUT O'
THIS RAT RACE
EITHER!

OH
MAN...
IT'S A
GRIM
PICTURE
Y' PAINT...

REALISTIC
THOUGH...
I'LL GIVE 'M
CREDIT FER
THAT..

STILL, THOUGH,
YOU GOTTA KEEP
CHIPPIN' AWAY AT
TH' ROCK, YA
KNOW'D I
MEAN?

YEP... I GOT
T' BE RUN-
NIN' ALONG...
TAKE IT
EASY, GUYS!

I'LL SEE
YA LATER, PHIL...
YA OL'
STU-BUM!

WHAT?!

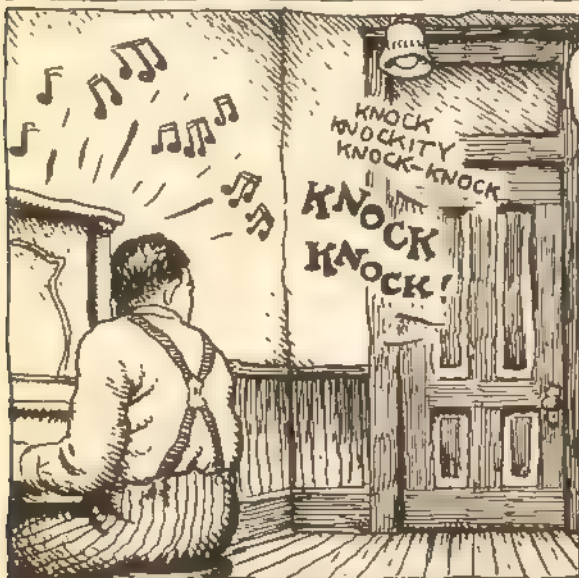
YOU—

KEY,
YOU TOO,
ED

END

KANSAS CITY FRANK MELROSE *in* "Pass the Jug"

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WANNA
DRINK?
'S TH' GOOD
STUFF!

DON'T MIND IF I DO...
SAY, LISTEN, I HEARD YOU
WALKED OUT ON THE
AVON CLUB BAND...
THAT WAS A PRETTY
HIGH PAYIN' GIG,
WASNT IT?
HA HA
HA!

YEAH...YEAH, IT WAS...
DARN GOOD...BUT I DIDN'T
GET ALONG WITH MAX ESSNER...
HE WAS ALWAYS THROWIN'
THOSE SOCIETY ARRANGE-
MENTS AT US...

OH...
TOO HIGH-
HAT FOR YA,
EY? HA!

GULP!

SO HOW'S YER
LITTLE FIVE-PIECE
OUTFIT MAKIN' OUT,
GEORGIE? YA
GETTIN' GOOD
JOBS?

OH, WE'RE
DOIN' ALRIGHT...
NOTHIN' TO WRITE
HOME ABOUT...
I DUNNO, THOSE
GUYS —
HA HA.



SAY, FRANK, YOU REMEMBER
THAT CRAZY RED-HAIR'D GAL
SINGER GLADYS WOODS?... USETA
HANG AROUND WITH MUSICIANS
FROM MINNEAPOLIS... SANG
WITH A BAND AT LUNA
PARK?

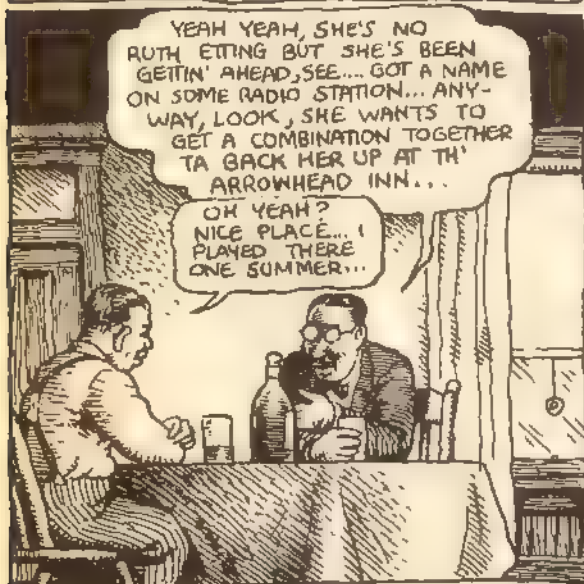
OH SURE...
WHATT'A DISH!

NO GREAT
TALENT BUT
A NICE
SHAPE ON
'ER...



YEAH YEAH, SHE'S NO
RUTH ETING BUT SHE'S BEEN
GETTIN' AHEAD, SEE... GOT A NAME
ON SOME RADIO STATION... ANY-
WAY, LOOK, SHE WANTS TO
GET A COMBINATION TOGETHER
TA BACK HER UP AT TH'
ARROWHEAD INN...

OH YEAH?
NICE PLACE... I
PLAYED THERE
ONE SUMMER...



YEAH, I'M THINKIN' OF
TAKIN' SOME OF TH' BOYS AN'
GOIN' IN WITH HER, AND I, UH,
... WAS WONDERIN' IF YOU
MIGHT BE INTERESTED...

YEAH, EXCEPT THAT
TH' BROAD CAN'T
SING... I DUNNO...

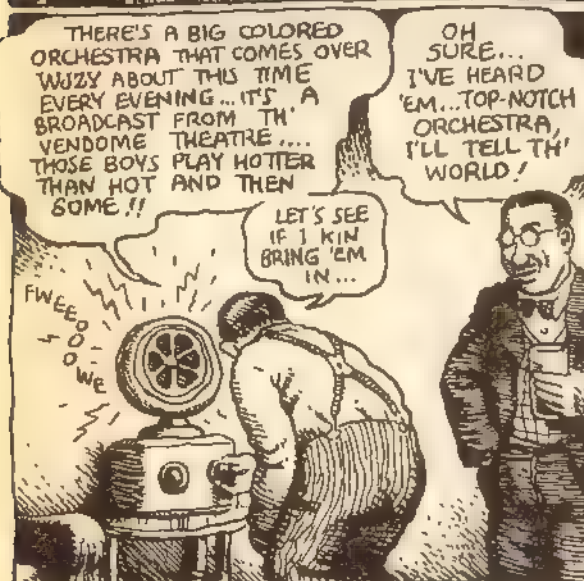
OH,
HEY!



THERE'S A BIG COLORED
ORCHESTRA THAT COMES OVER
WUZZY ABOUT THIS TIME
EVERY EVENING... IT'S A
BROADCAST FROM TH'
VENDOME THEATRE...
THOSE BOYS PLAY HOTTER
THAN HOT AND THEN
SOME!!

OH SURE...
I'VE HEARD
'EM... TOP-NOTCH
ORCHESTRA,
I'LL TELL TH'
WORLD!

LET'S SEE
IF I KIN
BRING 'EM
IN...

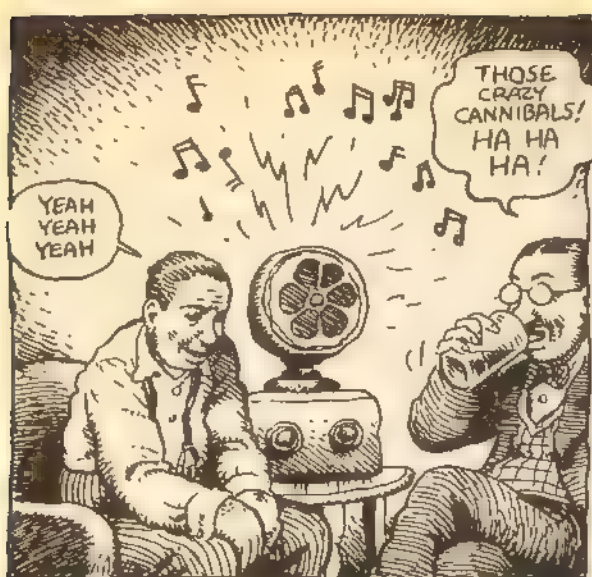


I THINK
I GOT
'EM!

YEAH...
STOMP
OFF!

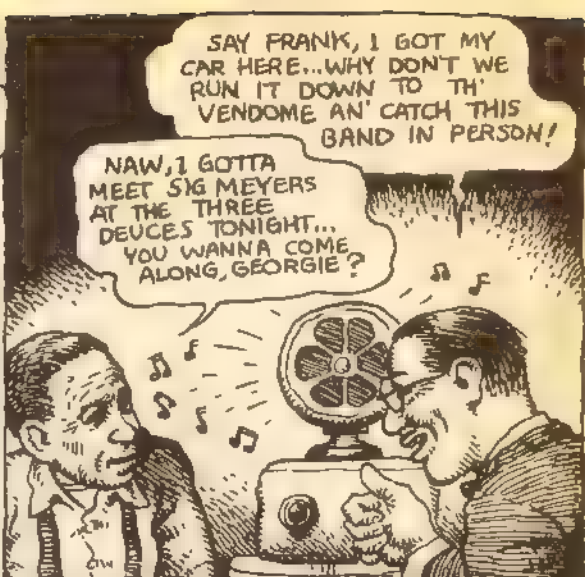
THE LEADER'S
NAME IS ERSKINE
TATE... THEY BEEN
AROUND A LONG
TIME!





YEAH
YEAH
YEAH

THOSE
CRAZY
CANNIBALS!
HA HA
HA!



SAY FRANK, I GOT MY
CAR HERE...WHY DON'T WE
RUN IT DOWN TO TH'
VENDOME AN' CATCH THIS
BAND IN PERSON!

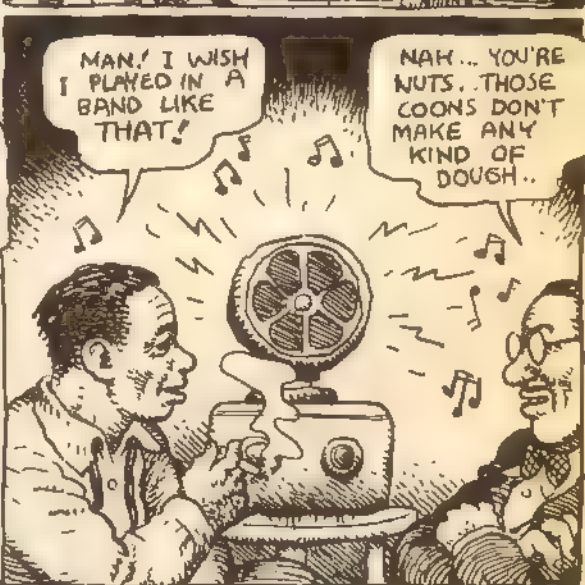
NAW, I GOTTA
MEET SIG MEYERS
AT THE THREE
DEUCES TONIGHT...
YOU WANNA COME
ALONG, GEORGIE?



MEBBE...WHAT'S COOKIN'
DOWN THERE TONIGHT?

WELL, SIG HAS LEFT
TH'AVON CLUB ORCHESTRA WITH
ME AN' WE'RE LOOKIN' TO
SEE IF WE CAN GET A HOT
BAND GOIN' AGAIN...
SOMETHIN' LIKE TH' MIDWAY
GARDENS GANG...YOU
REMEMBER...WE PLAYED
GOOD JAZZ IN THAT
BAND!

YEAH, SOUNDS
GOOD...SURE,
I'LL COME...
BUT YOU'RE
DREAMIN', AS
USUAL!
HA HA!



MAN, I WISH
I PLAYED IN A
BAND LIKE
THAT!

NAH... YOU'RE
NUTS...THOSE
COONS DON'T
MAKE ANY
KIND OF
DOUGH..



NEW YORK IS THE
PLACE TO MAKE THE BIG
MONEY...SOME OF THE
BIG HOTEL BANDS THERE
ARE HIRIN' JAZZ MUSICIANS
ALL OVER TH' PLACE!
HA...

YEAH, YEAH...
IF ONLY THEY'D
PLAY SOMETHIN'
BESIDES SHMALTZ!

TH'GODDAMN
MUSIC
BIZNIZ!



LOOK AT BEN POLLACK, NOW
HE'S LEADIN' ONE OF THE MOST
SUCCESSFUL BANDS IN NEW
YORK, THERE AT THE PARK
CENTRAL HOTEL...AND A
FEW YEARS AGO HE WAS
SCUFFLIN' IN CHICAGO
RIGHT ALONG SIDE
O'YOU AN' ME!!

HEY,
GEORGIE...
I'M COOKIN' UP
A BATCH OF
SPAGHETTI TO-
NIGHT... YA
WANNA PARTAKE?

COUNT ME OUT, FRANK...
I'M TAKIN' MY GIRL OUT TO
DINNER TONIGHT... IN FACT,
I GOTTA GET MOVIN'... SHE'S

PROBBLY ALL
DOLLED UP AN'
PACIN' THE FLOOR
ALREADY!

HEY, WELL, MAYBE
YOU'LL COME AN' SIT IN
WITH US AT THE THREE
DEUCES LATER, HUH,
GEORGIE? WE'RE GONNA
BLAST THE LID OFF
THAT JOINT TONIGHT!

BUT THANKS
FOR THE
DRINK!

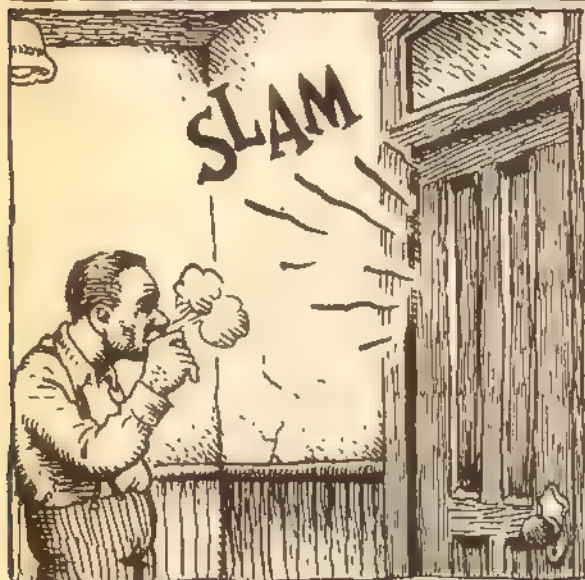
JINGLE
JINGLE

JINGLE
JINGLE

SWELL! LISTEN, I MAY
BE A LITTLE LATE IF I CAN
WANGLE A RETURN ON MY
INVESTMENT TONIGHT!
YA GET ME??

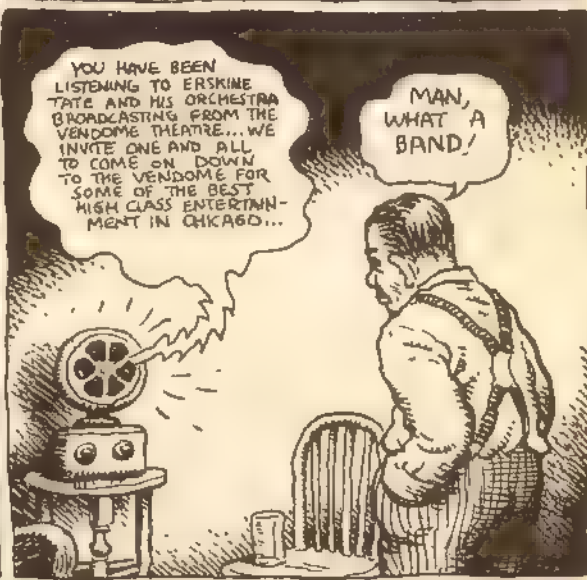
HA HA
HA!

"...INVESTMENT?...
OH YEAH, RIGHT!
HA HA! OKAY!
GOOD LUCK,
PAL!"



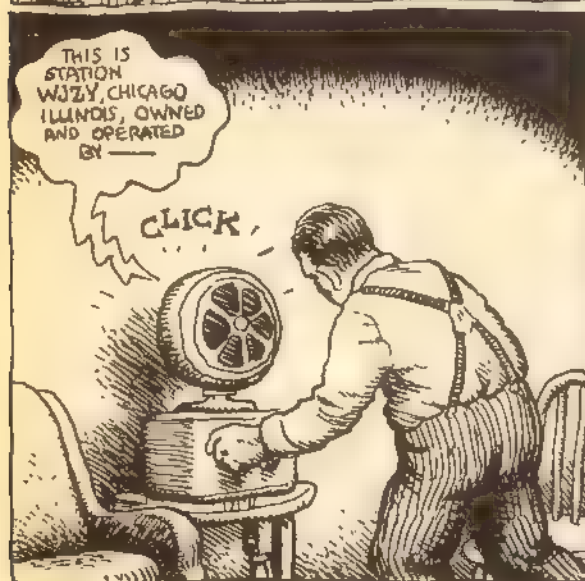
YOU HAVE BEEN
LISTENING TO ERSKINE
TATE AND HIS ORCHESTRA
BROADCASTING FROM THE
VENDOME THEATRE... WE
INVITE ONE AND ALL
TO COME ON DOWN
TO THE VENDOME FOR
SOME OF THE BEST
HIGH CLASS ENTERTAIN-
MENT IN CHICAGO...

MAN,
WHAT A
BAND!



THIS IS
STATION
WJZY, CHICAGO
ILLINOIS, OWNED
AND OPERATED
BY —

CLICK



AND, HEY, HOW ABOUT

THESE KIDS TODAY

by
R. CRUMB

HEY, D'I TELL
YA 'BOUT TH' NEW
SPEAKERS I PUT
IN MY SPIFSTER?

OH
YEAH?
HOW MANY
C-RS Y'
GETTIN'?

I GOT A
695 IN THERE
MAN! NO
PROBLEM...
QUADRIPHONIC
WALL O' SOUND!!

YOU GOT A
DECK IN FRONT?

FUGGIN'
AY!

I'M TAKIN'
MY MA-
CHINE
OUT THIS
WEEK-END!

YEAH?
WHERE YOU
GONNA
RUN IT?

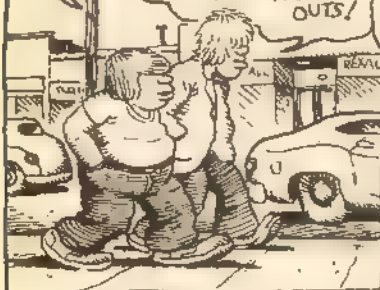
UP AT
MCKINNEY'S...
BEST TRAILS UP
THERE...NOT TOO
MANY BLINDS, AN'
NO HAUL-
OUTS!

HOT SHIT,
MAN... HEY
LET'S CRUISE
HERFY'S... I
COULD USE
A COUPLA
BIG BOFFERS!!

I NEED
BREAD... SPENT
MY LAST BUCKS
ON A SET O'
DUAL PEDDERS
FOR MY ROAD
GLIDER...

I'LL TREAT
THIS TIME...
REMEMBER, YOU
STILL OWE
ME FOR THAT
HIT O' COKE
LAST WEEK...

MAN THAT WAS
GOOD COKE...WHEN
YOU'RE DOIN' 85
ON A 240 CM
HIGH-WINDER AN'
YA CAN'T FEEL ANY-
THING YOU KNOW
IT'S GOOD COKE!



R. CRUMB'S Patricia Pig



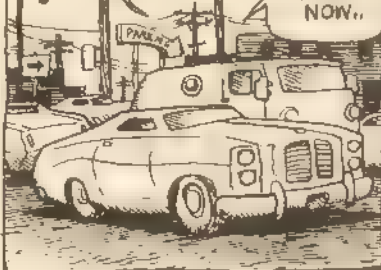
SEARCHING FOR THE ULTIMATE
SHOPPING MALL

SO, PATRICIA, HOW'S
YOUR RELATIONSHIP
WITH DENNY COMING
ALONG?

WE'RE
ONLY
EATING
HEALTH
FOODS
NOW..

I READ AN
ARTICLE THAT SAID
THAT ALOTTA TIMES FOOD
HAS ALOT TA DO WITH
WHETHER YER RELATIONSHIP
WORKS OUT OR NOT..

BILLY?
THAT'S
INTRISTING



I HAVE A HARD
TIME GETTIN' DENNY
TO GO ALONG ON
SOME THINGS... HE'S
SUCH A MEAT'N'
POTATOES MAN!

OH SO IS
WAYNE! HE'D
NEVER STAND
FOR BROWN
RICE AN' VEGE-
TABLES! HERE'S
A PARKING
SPOT!

IT HELPS ME
KEEP MY WEIGHT
DOWN... I USETA
EAT DIET FOODS
BUT Y'KNOW THEY
PUT SO MANY BAD
CHEMICALS IN THOSE
DIET FOODS!

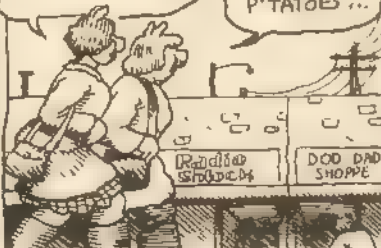
WAYNE
HATES TH'
TASTE OF
DIET FOODS
TOO... HE'S
GOTTA HAVE
HIS STEAK
'N' MASH
P'TATOES...

MMMM! THAT'S
WHAT I WANT
RIGHT NOW! A
BIG THICK JUICY
STEAK... BLOOD
RED RARE...

SLURP
DROOL

I WISH I
COULD STICK
TO A DIET
LIKE YOU, PA-
TRICIA! YOU
LOOK SO THIN
THESE DAYS!

LET'S LOOK
IN "MODE
O' DAY"
JUST FOR
FUN!
C'MON!



LITTLE JOE

in
"MORBID PREOCCUPATIONS"
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A TYPICAL DAY—

AW
JEEZIZ...



BUT WAIT—

TH' WHOLE
WORLD'S GONE
CRAZY AND LORDY
SO AM I!!!!

WHAT



AWK!

IT'S TH' GRIM
REAPER HIDIN'
IN TH' CORNER!!

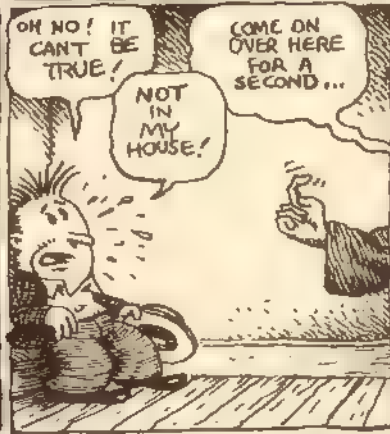
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OH NO! IT
CAN'T BE
TRUE!

NOT
IN
MY
HOUSE!

COME ON
OVER HERE
FOR A
SECOND...



DEATH
BE NOT
PROUD!

HAW!



GOTCHA,
CHUMP!



LET'S
GO...

NO... I'M NOT
READY! LEMME
GO!

HEY WHERE'S
YOR SENSE OF
"HUMOUS"?!
HAR HAR

GIMME
MY
HAT!



WHAT DO YOU
WANT OUT OF
LIFE? WHAT DO
YOU WANT?!

UH... UM...
THERE'S SO
MUCH TO LIVE
FOR! TH'-
TH' BEAUTIES
OF NATURE/
LOVE!
TRUTH!
ART! UH...



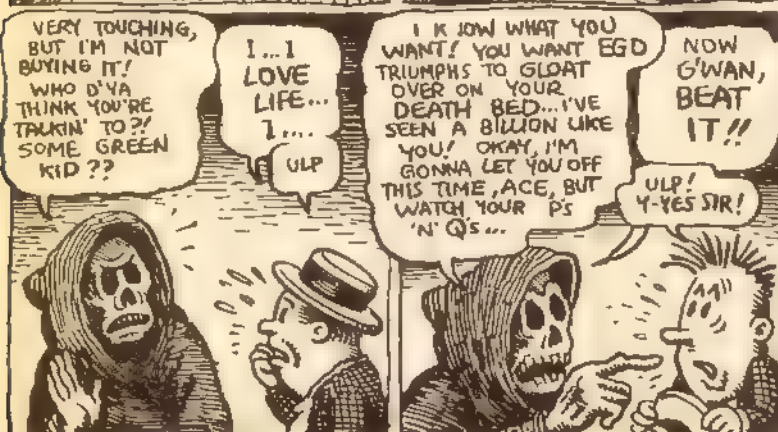
VERY TOUCHING,
BUT I'M NOT
BUYING IT!
WHO D'YA
THINK YOU'RE
TALKIN' TO?!

I... I
LOVE
LIFE...
I...
ULP

I K IOW WHAT YOU
WANTS! YOU WANT EGD
TRIUMPHS TO GLOAT
OVER ON YOUR
DEATH BED... I'VE
SEEN A BILLION LIKE
YOU! OKAY, I'M
GONNA LET YOU OFF
THIS TIME, ACE, BUT
WATCH YOUR PS
'N' Q'S...

NOW
G'WAN,
BEAT
IT!!

ULP!
Y-YES SIR!



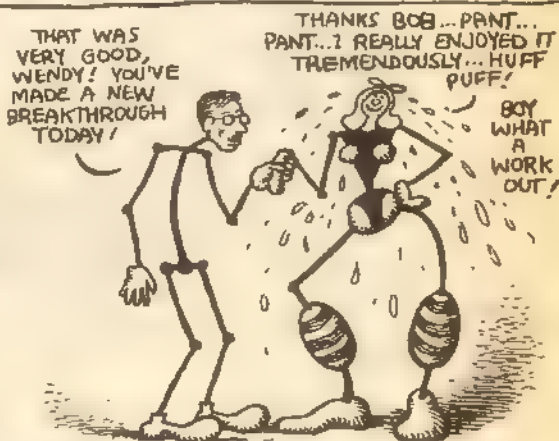
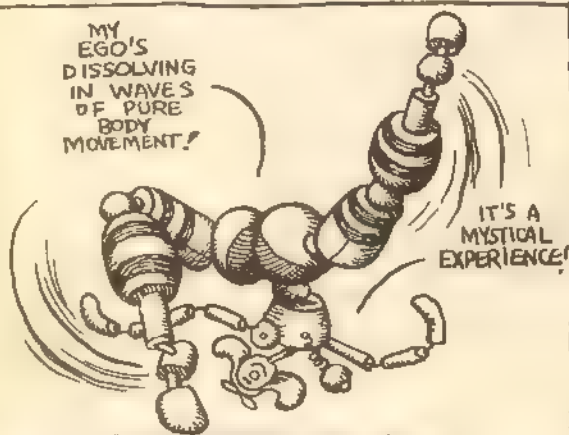
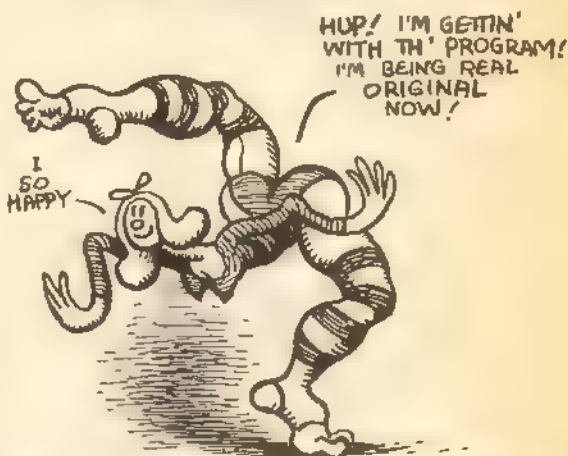
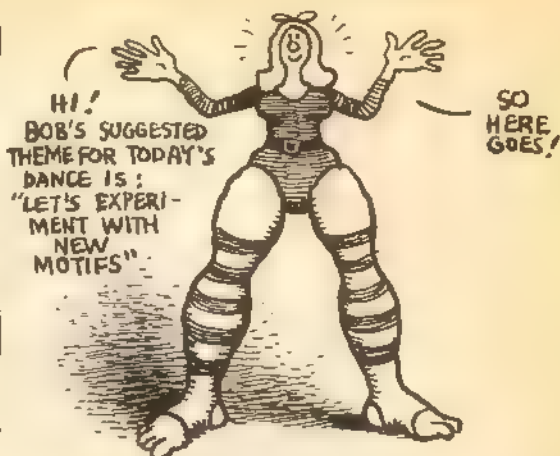
WHEN!
THAT WAS
CLOSE!!



END

R. CRUMB'S MODERN DANCE WORKSHOP

— IN —
"A PURELY AESTHETIC
EXERSIZE"



THOSE
LITTLE
BEARS
WE LOVE
SO MUCH
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SO, IF NOBODY'S
GONNA CARE WHAT
I DO A BILLION
YEARS FROM NOW,
WHY NOT JUS' DO
ANYTHING Y' CAN
GET AWAY WITH?

WHY NOT
INDEED!/?
SHILY
BOY!

WELL
WHY
NOT?

YEAH, BUT Y' CAN'T
"GET AWAY WITH"
ANYTHING, STOOBIE!
IT ALL COMES BACK
ON YOU SOME WAY
OR OTHER...KARMA...
YOU KNOW.

IT'S TRICKY...
Y' WANNA
DO TH' RIGHT
THING AN' STILL
HAVE SOME
FUN ONCE IN
A WHILE..

YEAH, LIFE'S
AN ART...

THE FINAL SOLUTION

READ IT
'N' WEEP!

by
R. Crumb

IT'S ALL
GOTTEN SO
COMPLICATED!!
THERE'S NO
RATIONAL WAY
TO MANAGE THESE
POWERFUL FORCES
ANYMORE... IT'S
TOO BIG FOR
ANY ONE MAN..

THE
SITUATION
DEFINITELY
VERGES ON
BEING OUT OF
CONTROL..

HA...I'VE GOT
NEWS FOR YOU,
MY FRIENDS...
THE SITUATION
IS OUT OF
CONTROL!

WELL, MR.
PRESIDENT, WE
MUSTN'T GIVE
UP HOPE.. WE'VE
GOT TO KEEP
WORKING ON
IT...

I DON'T KNOW...
I'M TIRED... "BURNED
OUT" AS THEY SAY...
I'M THE ONE THEY
ALL LOOK TO FOR
A DECISION...
THEY STILL THINK
I'M IN A POSITION
TO DO SOMETHING
ABOUT THIS
MESS...

YES...YOU'RE
IN A TOUGH
SPOT, SIR...
IT'S QUITE
TRUE...

NO
DOUBT
ABOUT
IT...

IT'S THE
PRESSURE...
I'M ALWAYS
UNDER SUCH
ENORMOUS
PRESSURE...
WHO DO THEY
THINK I AM?!
GOD?!!

WELL, NO ONE
EXPECTS YOU
TO WORK MIRACLES!

IT'S
COMPLICATED.

THE PEOPLE
THINK I'M GUT-
LESS.. LITTLE
DO THEY REALIZE
WHAT'S REALLY
GOING ON.. THE
STUPID SHEEP!!

YES, I'M
AFRAID YOU'RE
RIGHT, MR.
PRESIDENT...
RECENT POLLS
SHOW THAT
YOUR PUBLIC
IMAGE —

MY
IMAGE...
MY IMAGE...
FUCK MY
IMAGE!
...BUNCH
OF IGNORANT
YAHOOOS...

SIR, PERHAPS
YOU SHOULD TAKE
A SHORT VACATION...
GET AWAY FROM
WASHINGTON FOR
A FEW DAYS...

YES, MAYBE
YOU NEED—

WHY SHOULD
I CARE WHAT
BECOMES OF THIS
NATION?! LET
THE ASSHOLES
RUN IT INTO
THE GROUND!
I CAN'T STOP
THEM. NO ONE
CAN STOP THEM!

BUT SIR,
WHAT ABOUT
YOUR DEBT
TO POSTERITY??

ARE YOU NO
LONGER CONCERNED
ABOUT WHAT HISTORY
MIGHT SAY OF
YOU??

HISTORY...
YES...
POSTERITY...
I DON'T WANT
THEM TO THINK
OF ME AS A
MERE OPPORTUN-
ISTIC POLITICIAN
OF MEDIOCRE
CALIBER..

I'LL BE KNOWN AS
A SECOND-RATE PRES-
IDENT WHO COULDN'T
STAND UP TO THE
POWER ELITE... AND
THEY'LL BE RIGHT...
I CAN'T.... OH
GOD!

SIR,
THERE
MUST BE
SOME
WAY...

IT CAN'T
BE THAT
THE PRESIDENT
IS TOTALLY
HELPLESS...

NO, OF COURSE
I'M NOT TOTALLY
HELPLESS...
I CAN
ALWAYS...

HA HA
HA HA
HA

YOU
DIRTY—

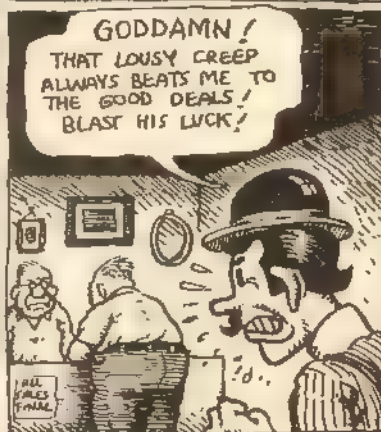
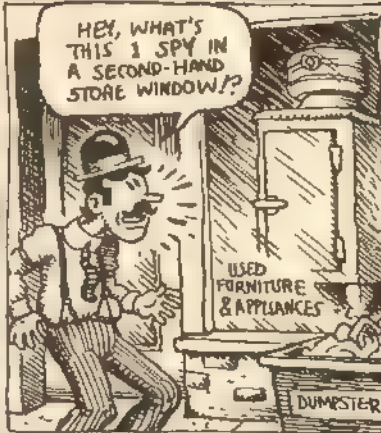
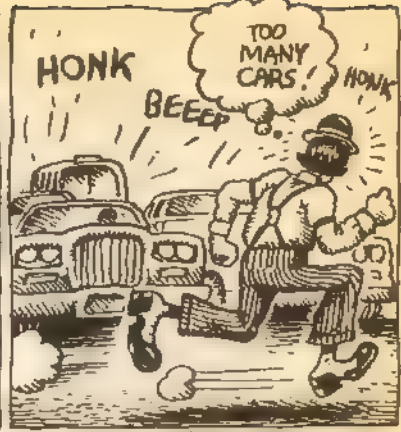
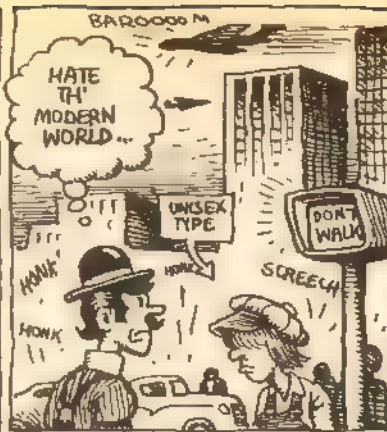
DEPLOYS
ENTIRE
NUCLEAR
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SYSTEM

CLICK

5-4-3-2-1 ZERO!

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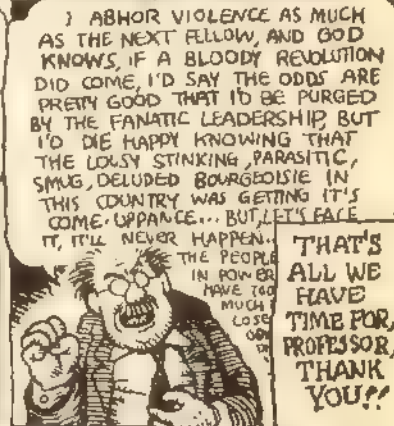
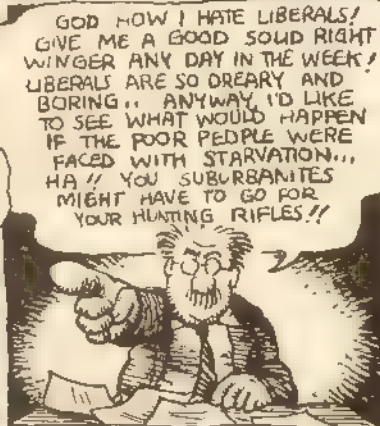
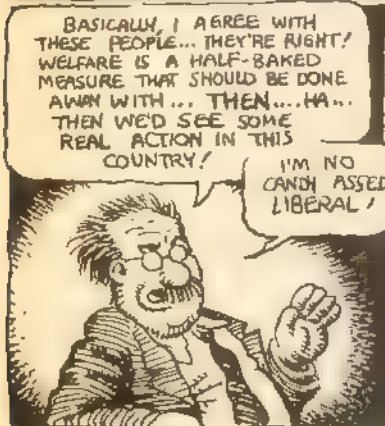
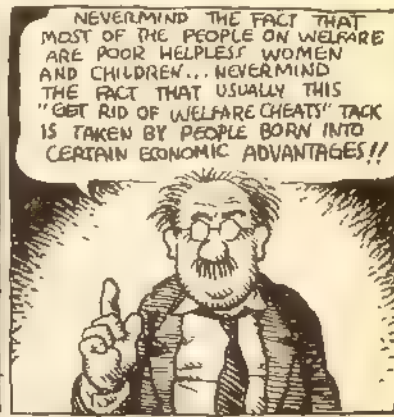
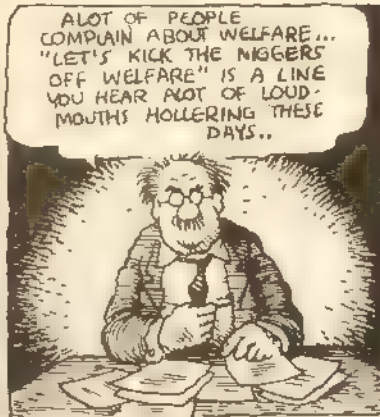
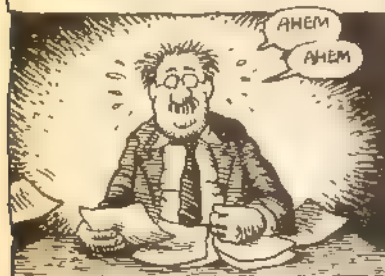


IT'S A HUP HO WORLD

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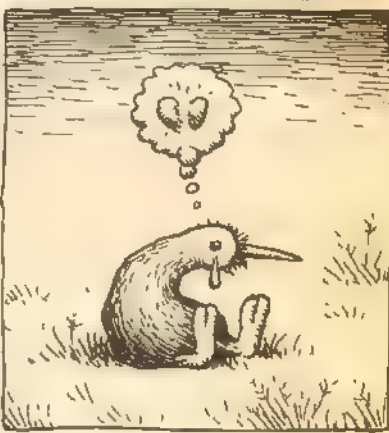
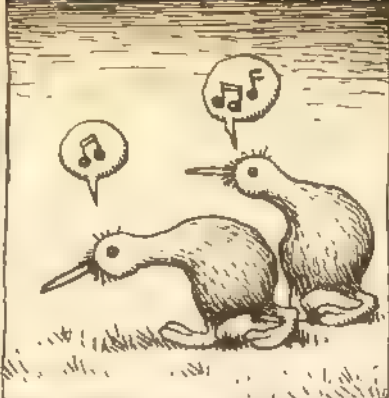
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MAYBE WE'LL
END LIKE
THIS...

OKAY WHAT'S THE
STORY ON THESE
CRITURS??

PITIFUL
LOOKING BUNCH,
AREN'T THEY?



WE PICKED THEM
UP ON A GUTTED PLANET
ABOUT 200 LIGHT YEARS
FROM HERE...
THE PLACE HAD
SEEN BETTER DAYS!

AH HM! THEY
DEFINITELY LOOK
LIKE DEGENERATE
SPECIMENS TO ME!

IT WAS
REALLY
WRECKED!



THEIR PLANET WAS
CLUTTERED WITH ANCIENT
RUINED CITIES AND ROADWAYS
AND RUSTING MACHINERY..
THESE FOLKS COULDN'T TELL
US ANYTHING ABOUT
ANY OF IT... THEY SEEM
TO HAVE NO KNOWLEDGE
OF THEIR OWN
HISTORY...

BUT IT WAS
SIMPLE ENOUGH
TO DEDUCE WHAT
HAD HAPPENED
THERE...



THEIR ANCESTORS
WERE HIGHLY INTELLIGENT
BUT VERY AGGRESSIVE
AND PREDATORY...

AT ONE TIME
PROBABLY ABOUT A
THOUSAND YEARS AGO
THEY OVERRAN THEIR
ENTIRE PLANET... THEY
MIGHT HAVE NUMBERED
IN THE BILLIONS
AT THAT TIME...

JIVE,
TWO...
THREE..

THEIR INTELLIGENCE AND
KNOWLEDGE HAD REACHED A
CRISIS.. THEY WERE ABLE
TO DRASTICALLY MANIPULATE
THEIR ENVIRONMENT BUT WERE
UNMINDFUL OF THE CONSEQUENCES... EVEN THE
THREAT TO THEIR OWN
GENE POOL SEEMED NOT
TO CONCERN THEM VERY
MUCH...

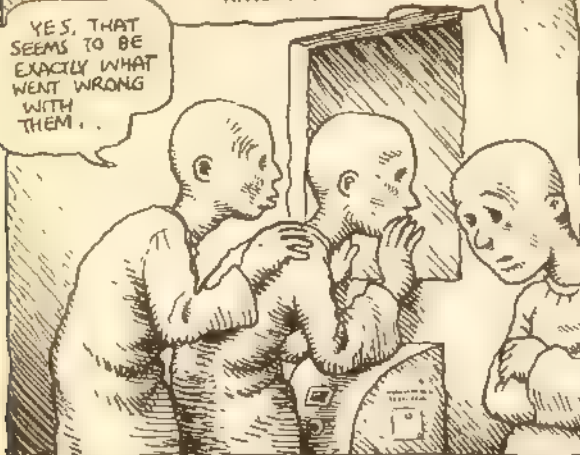
UH HUH... I
KNOW OF SEVERAL
OTHER PLANETS
WITH SIMILAR
HISTORIES...
THIS IS ALL TOO
FAMILIAR...

LOOK HOW
THEIR EYES
KEEP OZZING
CONSTANTLY!



IT SOMETIMES HAPPENS THAT WHEN A CERTAIN LEVEL OF INTELLIGENCE IS REACHED, THEY UNWITTINGLY DESTROY THE HARMONIOUS BALANCES OF NATURE...

YES, THAT SEEMS TO BE EXACTLY WHAT WENT WRONG WITH THEM.



THE EVIDENCE INDICATES THAT A MAJOR FACTOR IN THE DECLINE OF ORGANIC LIFE ON THAT PLANET WAS THE RELEASE INTO THE ECOSYSTEM OF POWERFUL DEADLY SUBSTANCES MANUFACTURED BY THE INTELLIGENT SPECIES...

THESE SUBSTANCES EVENTUALLY CONTAMINATED ALL LIVING THINGS.. IN FACT, THE PLANET IS STILL HIGHLY CONTAMINATED AND UNFIT FOR HABITATION..



I WAS...



THEY ACHIEVED MASTERY OVER THE REALM OF MATTER BUT THEIR SPIRITUAL AND SOCIAL WISDOM NEVER DEVELOPED TO ADEQUATELY CHECK THEIR TECHNICAL AGGRESSION...

IN ITS PRESENT CONDITION THE PLANET HAS LITTLE TO OFFER IN THE WAY OF FOOD, AND THE CLIMATE IS BRUTALLY HARSH.

IN OTHER WORDS, THEY "SHIT IN THEIR OWN MESS KIT".



ALTHOUGH IT'S OBVIOUS FROM THE ANCIENT ARTIFACTS AND RECORDS THAT THE WEATHER WAS ONCE MILD AND MANY PLACES WERE FORMERLY LUSH WITH GROWING THINGS...

ONCE THE DECLINE SET IN THEY DIED OUT RAPIDLY.

IN ONLY A THOUSAND YEARS THEY WERE REDUCED TO THESE FEW PATHETIC SPECIMENS..

HEY!



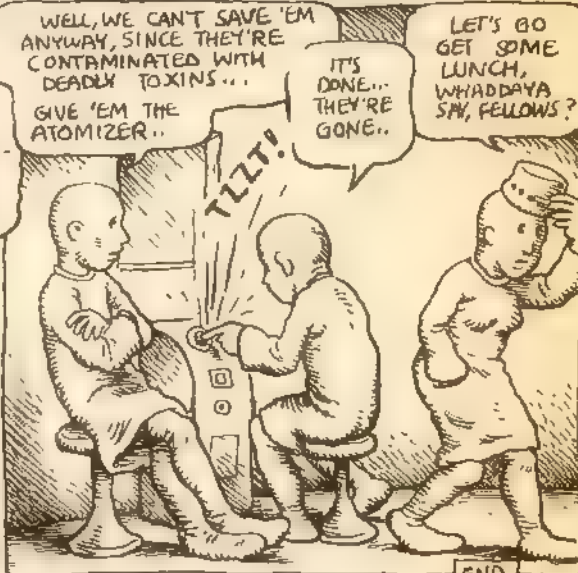
PERSONALLY, I DON'T THINK THEY CAN MAKE IT INTO ANOTHER GENERATION... THEIR SURVIVAL ABILITY SEEMS TO HAVE REACHED ABSOLUTE ZERO...

TOO BAD THEY NEVER MADE IT INTO THE INTER-GALACTIC BROTHERHOOD, BUT IT'S NOT AN ISOLATED CASE... SOME OF THESE INTELLIGENT SPECIES AREN'T SUCCESSFUL... MAY AS WELL DO AWAY WITH 'EM, I THINK..

WELL, WE CAN'T SAVE 'EM ANYWAY, SINCE THEY'RE CONTAMINATED WITH DEADLY TOXINS... GIVE 'EM THE ATOMIZER..

IT'S DONE... THEY'RE GONE..

LET'S GO GET SOME LUNCH, WHADDAYA SAY, FELLOWS?



END

Aline 'n' Bob

GO TO THE

WHOLE EARTH JAMBOREE

HEY, IT'S A BEAUTIFUL THING!



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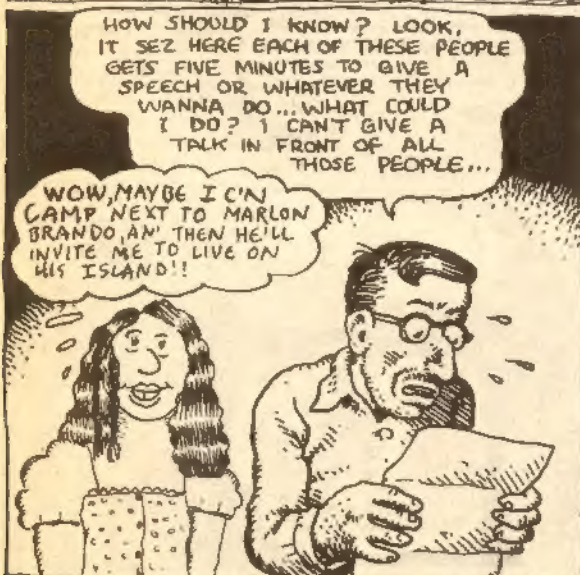
AUNE, DO YOU WANT TO GO TO THIS "WHOLE EARTH JAMBOREE" OR NOT?

I DUNNO, BOB, IT DEPENDS... WHAT FAMOUS PEOPLE 'LL BE THERE BESIDES US??



HM... ACCORDING TO THIS FLYER, MARLON BRANDO'S GONNA BE THERE... HUP!... ALSO GOV'NOR BROWN MIGHT PUT IN AN APPEARANCE... KEN KESEY, PAUL KRASSNER, THIS ONE, THAT ONE... IT'S A VERY HIP GATHERING... LOOK, HERE'S MY NAME ON TH' LIST OF BIG SHOTS... SHUCKS...

WHY AREN'T I ON IT??... I'M PRETTY WITH IT... I'M A FUNNY ARTIST AN' I CN PLAY THE VIOLIN... DOESN'T STUART BRAND LIKE ME??



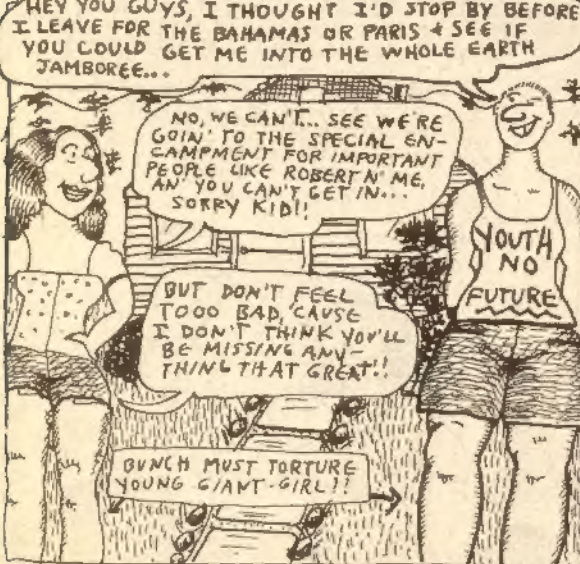
HOW SHOULD I KNOW? LOOK, IT SEZ HERE EACH OF THESE PEOPLE GETS FIVE MINUTES TO GIVE A SPEECH OR WHATEVER THEY WANNA DO... WHAT COULD I DO? I CAN'T GIVE A TALK IN FRONT OF ALL THOSE PEOPLE...

WOW, MAYBE I CN CAMP NEXT TO MARLON BRANDO, AN' THEN HE'LL INVITE ME TO LIVE ON HIS ISLAND!!



MAYBE YOU 'N' ME SHOULD PLAY MUSIC... LET'S PRACTICE A COUPLE OF OUR BETTER NUMBERS... GET OUT YER FIDDLE AN' I'LL PLAY THE GUITAR...

OH BOY, WHAT A TERRIFIC IDEAR!! YEW 'N' ME, BOB, A TWO MAN ACT! ME, THE BUNCH, ON STAGE, FRONT 'N' CENTER... EEEYEW!!



* I CAN'T DRAW MYSELF PLAYING THE FIDDLE ANY BETTER THAN I CAN PLAY IT !!!

HOW 'BOUT THAT
"WAVY GRAVY", ALINE!
LOOK, HE'S TAKEN ON
THE JOB OF PICKING UP
ALL THE TRASH... HE'S
ALWAYS DOING SOMETHING
IN THE SERVICE OF
HUMANITY."

YEA, NOT LIKE ME,
A BIG CULTURAL
PARASITE!



...AND THERE'S J. BALDWIN,
THAT CRAZY NEW-TECHNO-
BOY MADMAN ON HIS
SOLAR-POWERED
TRICYCLE!!

I KNOW HE
RODE THAT BY
OUR HOUSE
YESTERDAY!



...AND WHAT ARE
ALL THOSE PEOPLE
DOING? OH, THEY
MUST BE PLAYING
"NEW GAMES",
HUM?

ROHBIT DOES THIS
STUFF SEEM LIKE
FUN TO YOU?!

HOW COME THEY
DON'T PLAY PIN
THE TAIL ON THE
DONKEY?

THIS IS
50000
CALIFORNIA
IT'S BEE
LUSHOUS



...AND, UH OH,
LOOK OUT, THERE'S
THE MEDIA CREW...
AN INEVITABLE
PART OF ANY
SHINDIG LIKE
THIS...

HEY, HEY, I'M RELEVANT,
OVA' HERE, I'M CUTE...
PUT ME ON THE
NEWS YEW DIRTY
STINKOLAS!!

WATCHING
"NEW GAMES"



ROHBIT ALL OF A
SUDDEN I FEEL
DEPRESSED, KINDA
LET DOWN, I DUNNO
LIKE I WAS ALL WORKED
UP + THEN PUFF... NUTHIN'!

YEAH, WELL, WHAT
CAN I TELL YA—
BUT WAIT!
WHO'S THAT
POPPIN' OUTA
YER BACK-
PACK? WHY,
IT'S TH' BUNCH'S
LIL PAL
"PUNCHY"!

GUESS I'LL
HAFTO COME
OUT + CHEER
UP THE
CREATURE!



HI YA BUNCHIE... QUE' PASA, MUÑECA??
WATSA MATTA WIT YA? HUH? HUH? YA
GOT PROBLEMS OR SOMETHIN'??

I DUNNO PUNCHIE,
I FEEL SO ALIENATED
FROM OTHER YOUTHS,
IT'S NOT HEALTHY.

I MUST
NEED
READJUST-
MENT
THERAPY.

BULLSHIT!

HEY, I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS, KID, I
MEAN, I'VE ADJUSTED TO BEIN' A
WEIRD LOOKING BEAN BAG.. I DON'T
GIVE A SHIT... CHEER UP- SMILE-NURTZ!

WHAT
A
DRIP.

YEA, BUT
BASICALLY
HUMANS
ARE DISCUSDING,
ACTUALLY YUP
LUCKY NOT
TO BE ONE
PUNCHIE!
I'D RATHER
BE YOU!

HEY, BUNCHIE, LOOK A ME, WHOA,
HEYO, HA HA, HUP.. HO!!

PATHETIC...
JEGSIS...
IT'S NOT FUNNY,
NOW GET BACK
IN HERE
YEW!!

AWRIGHT
AWRIGHT

LATER...NIGHT FALLS AND ALINE 'N' BOB BID FAREWELL
TO THE WHOLE EARTH JAMBOREE...

IT WAS A
VERY NICE
AFFAIR AN' A
WONDERFUL
TIME WAS HAD
BY ALL...

WHERE'S OUR
CAR? IT'S TOO
DARK OUT HERE
TO SEE ANYTHING!
@X!!!X!

WELL, OTHER
PEOPLE HAD A
MEANINGFUL
TIME ANYWAY.

WHAT THE —
A POLICE CAR!
POINTING BLINDING
LIGHTS AT US!
UH-OH! LOOKS LIKE
WE'RE GONNA GET
"DONE" NOW, ALINE!!

HEY, S'HAPPENING? THEY GOT
ANY GOOD MUSIC DOWN THERE?

OH, IT'S OKAY, I GUESS...NOTHIN'
TO DANCE TO...JUST THAT
FOLK MUSIC STUFF...THEY'RE
A BUNCH OF COMMUNISTS
AT THAT THING...THEY
ALL HATE TH' GOVERN-
MENT DOWN THERE...

OH YEAH?
THAT SOUNDS
MELLOW...I'M THINK-
IN' I'LL GO DOWN
TOMORROW 'N' DIG
IT...HEY, LATER...
YOU GUYS TAKE
IT EASY, HUH??

TIMES
HAVE
CHANGED!

END